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Police Charge Major Cocaine Supplier to Columbia

The Howard County Police Department has arrested and charged a Prince Georges County man with trafficking “crack” cocaine in Columbia. Robert Andrew Roach, 30 of 14004 Gullivers Trail, Bowie, was known to police, as a major supplier to street level dealers during a large-scale drug investigation titled “Operation Clean Sweep,” which netted 37 arrests earlier this year. During that operation, Roach had isolated himself from police utilizing others involved to distribute his drugs to street level dealers.

On August 26, members of Howard County Police Vice and Narcotics Division executed a search and seizure warrant at Roach’s home. The warrant came after an investigation which included a number of undercover drug buys. Roach has been charged with six counts of distributing “crack” cocaine, and six counts of possession of “crack” cocaine. Police have also seized two vehicles from Roach, which were used to distribute his narcotics.

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