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Traffic stop leads to heroin distribution arrest

Suspect wanted on at least five open drug warrants

Howard County police have charged a Baltimore man with multiple drug-related offenses following a traffic stop in Ellicott City over the weekend.

Antonio Leroy Smith, 34, of Spellman Street in Baltimore, was charged with multiple counts of drug possession, paraphernalia possession and possession with the intent to distribute after officers found large quantities of heroin in his car Jan. 27.

At approximately 11:48 p.m., officers observed a vehicle driving in the 3200 block of N. Ridge Road without a front registration plate; the vehicle's rear tag lights were also out.

Officers initiated a traffic stop and discovered that the driver was wanted on at least five arrest warrants for drug charges through another local jurisdiction. During the stop, police discovered suspected large quantities of heroin with an estimated street value of at least \$15,000 or more. Smaller quantities of cocaine and marijuana, as well as paraphernalia, were also found inside the vehicle. Smith was arrested without incident.

Three adult females who were also in the vehicle were not charged. Smith is being held at the Howard County Detention Center.

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