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Police charge suspected dealer with distribution of opioids and other drugs

Howard County police have charged a suspected drug dealer with distributing opioids and other drugs in the county.

As part of an ongoing investigation, narcotics detectives identified Alexis Escobar, 34, of Cheverly, as a suspect in the distribution of illegal drugs in Howard County. They obtained a search warrant from a judge for Escobar's car, a 2006 Toyota Prius. When officers located the car in the 8700 block of Washington Blvd. in Jessup, they observed Escobar engaged in what appeared to be a drug sale.

Officers approached the Toyota and found quantities of various drugs in the car and on Escobar's person. He was taken into custody and charged with multiple counts of drug possession with intent to distribute.

Detectives suspect the drugs recovered include Oxycodone, Xanax, cocaine, buprenorphine and marijuana, but are awaiting test results to determine the exact nature of the drugs, including whether they contain fentanyl, a synthetic opioid more potent than morphine or heroin. Undercover narcotics detectives have determined that some pills being sold on the street in Howard County as Oxycodone have contained fentanyl, although that remains to be determined in this case.

Escobar was charged Aug. 8 and released from the Howard County Detention Center on \$75,000 bond.

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