Assault/weapons violation
Laurel, 20723: 9700 block of Washington Boulevard, Jul. 22 8:27 p.m.
An adult male victim reported that he was in a verbal altercation with an acquaintance in a hotel room when the acquaintance displayed a handgun. The victim attempted to take possession of the handgun, and during the struggle the gun discharged. No one was struck by the bullet nor seriously injured during the altercation. Police responded, located the suspect, and arrested him.
ARRESTED: Michael Anthony Alston, 59, of Greenmore Drive in Charleston, S.C., charged with attempted murder, assault, and weapon violations.

Residential burglary
Laurel, 20723: 9000 block of North Laurel Road, Jul. 20
Unknown suspect(s) gained entry to the vacant residence. Nothing was reported stolen.

Savage, 20763: 9100 block of Baltimore Street, Jul. 20 6:05 p.m.
Unknown suspect(s) gained entry to the residence possibly through an open window and stole cash.

Theft from vehicle/vehicle break-in
Columbia, 21044: 10400 block of Faulkner Ridge Circle, Jul. 19-20 overnight, cash, iPad, other items

Laurel, 20723: 8800 Blk Evermore Ct, Jul. 19-20 overnight, cell phone

Ellicott City, 21042: 10000 block of Clarksville Pike, Jul. 20 8:43 p.m., purse

Columbia, 21045: 6400 block of Dobbin Road, Jul. 21 11:02 p.m., phone, other items

Laurel, 20723: 9800 block of Washington Boulevard, Jul. 21-22 overnight, various items

Vehicle theft
Ellicott City, 21042: 10400 block of Kingsbridge Road, Jul. 20 11:30 p.m.
1986 blue BMW K75C motorcycle, tag MD/37374LD

Columbia, 21044: 5400 block of Smooth Meadow Way, Jul. 21-22 overnight
2007 Honda Accord, tag MD/6AJK71

Overdose
Police responded to one non-fatal overdose over the weekend. Narcan was administered and the person was transported to the hospital for treatment.

2018 YTD Overdoses
Fatal: 27*
Non-Fatal: 111

*In fatal cases, some deaths are pending autopsy results for opioids and/or other substances. Numbers may fluctuate.

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