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Police arrest Jessup drug dealer for selling heroin and crack cocaine

Howard County police have arrested a Jessup man for distribution of heroin and crack cocaine. Diyquane Thompson, 23, of Wye Avenue, was charged with multiple counts of drug possession, drug distribution, and firearms charges after detectives served a search warrant at his home Dec. 29.

Narcotics detectives began investigating Thompson after receiving information that he was selling illegal drugs. When officers served a search warrant at his residence, they found more than 100 capsules of suspected heroin, 14 vials of suspected crack cocaine, and drug packaging materials for street sale. Police also found a loaded handgun with an extended magazine, a second magazine of ammunition, three cell phones and cash.

Thompson was on-scene when the search warrant was served and was taken into custody without incident. He is being held without bond at the Howard County Detention Center.

Efforts to remove drug suppliers from Howard County streets are part of a multi-faceted approach to address the opioid crisis. County, state and local organizations are collaborating to focus on prevention through education, community outreach and overdose response training, including the use of Narcan. The partnerships include referrals, treatment options and peer recovery support specialists for people in crisis and their family members. The county's Opioid Intervention Team works continuously to further expand ongoing prevention, enforcement and treatment efforts.

Overdoses in Howard County totaled 228 in 2017: 57 deaths and 171 non-fatal incidents. This was an increase from 2016 overdoses, which totaled 176: 43 deaths and 133 non-fatal incidents. In both years, Narcan, also known as naloxone, was administered in about 90 percent of the cases in which the person who overdosed survived.

Howard County can offer assistance for opioid addiction or other drug issues. For help, call 800-422-0009, 24-hours a day. To report drug activity to police, call the drug tip line at 410-290-DRUG or email HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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