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Proactive Patrol Leads to Drug and Gun Charges

On March 12, 2024, at approximately 8:10 pm, an Aberdeen Police Sergeant conducted a traffic

stop at Post Road and E. Bel Air Avenue for a violation.

Dontrel Sheppard, 20, was identified as the driver of the car. After a brief investigation, it was

determined Sheppard possessed a non-serialized firearm, a Polymer 80 handgun or "ghost gun,"

and marijuana in an amount consistent with distribution.

Sheppard was arrested and transported to the Harford County Detention Center. Sheppard faces

multiple charges for firearm violations and possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute.

Over recent months, police have responded to numerous service calls in the Eastern sector,

specifically the area of Post Road and E. Bel Air Avenue, for calls involving firearms and threats

of violence. As a result, officers have been conducting proactive patrols, including foot patrols,

business checks, and traffic enforcement, to deter future violence.

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