

Sheriff's warrant sweep nets 18

Anne Arundel sheriff's deputies arrested 18 people and cleared more than two dozen outstanding warrants this past weekend during a sweep in the western part of the county, Sheriff's Department officials said.

On Saturday and Sunday, deputies served 25 outstanding warrants to men and women wanted for theft, burglary, assault, child support, animal at-large, drug, sex offenses, and other crimes at addresses in Severn, Odenton, Laurel, and Fort Washington, said Deputy Sheriff Harry Neisser, a Sheriff's Department spokesman.

The department "zeroed in" on the Severn area due to its "high concentration of open warrants," he said.

The sweep was part of Sheriff Ron Bateman's plan to eliminate the more than 12,000 unserved warrants he inherited when he was elected in November 2006 — and the more than 10,000 he's received since.

Since Sheriff Bateman has taken office, the department has cleared 14,330 warrants.

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