

Annapolis police sweep nets several arrests

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A police task force sweep through Annapolis' public housing communities yesterday resulted in the drug arrest of a Baltimore man and the apprehension of several people who had been sought on outstanding warrants, police said today.

With a list of names of people banned from public housing, city officers and county sheriff's deputies took to the streets from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. in several areas, including Robinwood, the public housing community where a 17-year-old was fatally shot last week. The Bywater, Clay Street and Newtowne Twenty areas were also searched.

Officers noticed a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Obery Court in the Clay Street area and found 9 grams of cocaine in an 18-year-old man's hat and underwear, police said. Demario Thompson, of Baltimore, was charged with possession of drugs and intent to distribute, and his 1989 Lincoln was seized.

Six others were arrested on outstanding warrants on charges including failure to appear, assault and violation of probation.

Police also recovered 55 grams of marijuana and 2.5 grams of crack cocaine that had been tossed, and banned three people from Housing Authority property.

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