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Rise and shine: You're under arrest

Sheriff conducts sunrise sweep of wanted men, women

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Nine scofflaws woke up on the wrong side of the bed Saturday morning, answering their doors to county Sheriff's Office deputies armed with warrants and handcuffs.

"Operation Rise and Shine," as Sheriff Ron Bateman called it, began bright and early at 6 a.m. and was carried out by the Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team, or SERT.

Bateman said he formed the team when he took office in 2006. The unit was created to handle

"high risk situations." On Saturday, the team targeted violent offenders and men and women wanted on felony warrants.

The unit knocked on doors in Annapolis, Odenton, Pasadena, Crownsville and other areas, and made nine arrests and served 14 warrants, said Deputy Sheriff Harry Neisser, a spokesman for the Sheriff's Office.

Arrested were:

- Jesse Lute of Generals Highway in Crownsville. Lute was arrested on two warrants for failure to appear in court and theft over \$10,000.
- Kurt Snavely of Magnolia Lane in Annapolis. Snavely was arrested on a warrant for robbery, assault, drug possession and theft over \$500.
- Stacie Roberts of Fairglen

Lane in Annapolis. Roberts was arrested on four warrants for violation of probation on a theft scheme.

• Courtney Mayhew of Huntwood Drive in Gambrills. Mayhew was arrested on one warrant for theft of \$10,000 to under \$100,000 and was also charged with alteration of a prescription drug bottle.

• Dimonn Bowen of Lamplighter Ridge in Glen Burnie. Bowen was arrested on one warrant for first-degree assault and reckless endangerment.

• Brenda Lawrence of Lamplighter Ridge in Glen Burnie. Lawrence, who lives with Bowen, was arrested on one warrant for drug manufacturing and distribution.

• Meredith and Morgan Newman, both of Buck Cavey Lane

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in Linthicum Heights. Each had one warrant for robbery, assault, reckless endangerment, dangerous weapon with intent to injure and disorderly conduct.

• Careem Sims of Newtowne Drive in Annapolis.

Sims was arrested on two warrants for violation of probation on drug and assault charges.

The operation was just one of several the Sheriff's Office has conducted to reduce the number of the county's unserved warrants Bateman inherited when he was elected in November 2006 — and the thousands he has received since. Bateman is up for re-

election this year.

He said he has chiseled the county's 13,584 unserved warrants down to 8,448 — a 38 percent reduction.

The majority of warrants — about 87 percent — are misdemeanors, Bateman said.

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