Weekly City Hall Activity Report

July 21 - 27, 2024

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Finance Department
Weekly Update
Week of July 22, 2024

Receipts for the week were:

1.	General Fund	$ 903,589
2.	Capital Projects Fund	0
3.	Water & Sewer Funds	288,396
4.	Stadium Fund	0
	Total	$ 1,191,985

Disbursements for the week were:

1.	General Fund	$ 576,177
2.	Capital Projects Fund	7,809
3.	Water & Sewer Funds	220,427
4.	Stadium Fund	99,533
	Total	$ 903,946

Significant Receipts:

1.	Enterprise Zone Credit	$176,288

Significant Disbursements:

1.	Medical Insurance	$231,872
2.	Virtual Reality System for Training for Police Dept.	$170,500
3.	Legal Services	$181,066

Procurement Activities:

1. Conducted bid opening for project 24-14, 22 Howard Street Shell Improvements

CITY OF ABERDEEN
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
UPDATES FOR WEEK OF JULY 22, 2024

The following activities and actions took place this week:

- City Attorney Sussman and Ms. Spector reviewed the proposed Development Code amendments and provided comments. This is a work in progress.
- Mrs. Grover and Ms. Spector met with the City Attorney to discuss The Reserve at Greenside and the Integrated Business District height requirements for residential dwelling units.
- Ms. Spector went on a tour of Aberdeen Overlook development with the Planning Commissioners.
- Ms. Spector received notice that the City was awarded a Community Safety Grant for $100,000 to convert two underutilized public alleyways (Centennial Lane and Cypress Alley) into an attractive and safe pedestrian corridor. Enhancing accessibility with new sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. Conceptual designs include lighting, and landscaping for a safe pedestrian corridor.
- Ms. Spector completed the comprehensive rezoning map consistent with Ordinance No. 24-O-14.
- Mrs. Grover met with Patrica Bryant, owner of Design Masters, to discuss the status of her rezoning application and the public hearing for Ordinance No. 24-O-14.
- Ms. Spector is reviewing the draft recommendations for the Urban Design Plan prepared by Mahan Rykiel Associates, Inc.
- Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Grover met with Yvonne Golczewski, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna to discuss partnerships with this organization.
- Mrs. Grover contacted Patrick Dickerson, Grants Specialist with Harford County Department of Housing and Community Services regarding the City's CDBG funding allocation and potential uses: security cameras at the Aberdeen Train Station bus shelters and an economic development initiative for Main Street.
- Mrs. Grover and Mr. Torster met with Matthew Smith, MDE NFIP Coordinator, to discuss options for nine properties located in Zone AE on Edmund Street. Harford County Department of Emergency Services was also contacted for assistant. More to follow on this matter.
- Ms. Cromwell prepared the Aberdeen Advocate E-newsletter.
- Mrs. Grover met with Tiffany DePaoli with MD Department of Natural Resources regarding the upcoming Community Parks and Playground grant application. These projects were discussed: 1) Rock Glenn Park lighting of the parking lot and fields, 2) Festival Park Splash Pad, 3) North Deen Park pump track and children's bicycle playground/training area, and 4) Beards Hill Park arboretum and walking trails. All four projects would qualify for this grant program; however, it is an extremely competitive grant program open to all municipalities in MD. There is also a new funding opportunity that will be available this fall – Greenspace Equity Grant Program which will be similar to the Community Parks and Playground grant program.
- Mrs. Grover met with Katie Hazlett with Commonwealth Strategic Partners regarding two Congressionally Directed funding requests: 1) Aberdeen Activity Center outdoor recreation amenities ($1.0M) and 2) Swan Meadows infrastructure improvements ($9.3M). The Activity Center was not included in the funding request. Senators Cardin and Van Hollen received 15 projects in this category and our project was not included. More information to follow next week regarding the Swan Meadows infrastructure improvements Congressional funding request.
- Mrs. Grover met with Stephen Miller, MDOT MTA, Chief of Strategic Planning to discuss the Federal Transit Administration award for the TOD-Station Square project and the Memorandum of Agreement.
- Mrs. Grover prepared draft Rules and Regulations for the Aberdeen Economic Development Commission.
- The next meeting with the Aberdeen Activity Center design and construction project committee is

scheduled for August 20th at 11:00 a.m. with Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation and the architect working on the designs. The last meeting for the Activity Center Project Committee was held on July 9, 2024, with Dave Recchia, AIA; Angela Hoover, P.E. with Harford County Dept. of Parks, and Recreation; Paul Magness, Director of Harford County Dept. of Parks and Recreation; Todd Shackelford and Daniel Fama with Harford County. The revised floor plan was shown and the proposed activity center will be 32,0235 square feet which includes a gymnasium, multi-purpose room, office, storage areas, family restrooms, restrooms on the outside of the building facing the proposed field and walking trails. The gymnasium and multipurpose room can be divided to accommodate pickle ball, basketball, other indoor sports, and community meetings. Mr. Recchia was directed to proceed with the exterior design, construction drawings, site plan, and renderings of the activity center.

- Building Permit Report:

Permits Processed (Residential)

Address	Type	Value
706 Cornerstone Ln	**New-SFD**	$310,000
928 Walker St	**Driveway**	$5,300
389 Stratford Ave	**Fence**	$ 9,650
753 Sagebrush Loop	**New- SFD**	$311,000
156 Osborn Rd	**Interior Reno**	$6,000
626 Roberts Way	**Install egress window**	$3,500
761 Sagebrush Loop	**Fence**	$4,000
Total: 7		**$ 649,450**

Permits Processed (Commercial)

1104 S Philadelphia Blvd Ste 500	**Renovation for tenant occupancy**	$ 200,000
1020 B Beards Hill Rd	**Interior Demo**	$19,500
505 S Philadelphia Blvd	**Roof replacement**	$139,800
Total: 3		**$ 359,300**

Additional plans under review at DILP and/or Health Department:; 920 Playfair Terrace Way – pool for community center; 1104 S Philadelphia Blvd Ste 300- accessory office for tenant occupancy,379 Stratford Ave-solar panels; 3726 Centerfield Rd-tenant Fit Out- Maryland Floors Pro; 2106 Titan Terr – Construct New SFD; 11 E Aztec-deck; 975 Beards Hill- Tenant Fit-Out 5 Below;1014 Beards Hill Rd – Tenant Fit Out-KPot; 320 S Philadelphia Blvd – Face replacement on monument sign. 645 S Philadelphia Blvd- create empty tenant space; 951 Beards Hill Rd- Tenant Fit Out – Flame Japanese Hibachi; 361 Michael Ln- alterations to City's WWTP; 23 Lewis Dr – handicap ramp; 456 Doris Cir- interior renovations.

Fields Of Aberdeen

3650-3660 Cooperstown Dr – Under Review

3600-3612 Cooperstown Dr – Under Review

3601-3615 Cooperstown Dr- Under Review

3633-3647 Cooperstown Dr- Under Review

3634-3648 Cooperstown Dr- Under Review

3614-3622 Cooperstown Dr- Under Review

3624-3632 Cooperstown Dr-Under Review

Fieldside Grande

830-838 Camden Way – Released Permit

831-843 Camden Way – Released Permit

840-846 Camden Way- Released Permit

817-829 Bumbry Circle- **Permit Released - 06/04/2024**

830-842 Bumbry Circle- **Permit Released - 06/04/2024**

830-842 Flanagan Way- **Permit Released - 06/04/2024**

831-843 Flanagan Way – **Permit Released - 06/04/2024**

803-815 Bumbry Circle- **Permit Release - 06/04/2024**

800 Bumbry Circle – **Permit Released - 06/04/2024**

810 Bumbry Circle – **Permit Released - 06/04/2024**

The Preserve at Gilbert Meadows:

176 Total lots

Total # of Permits Applied for – 115

Total # of permits released: 76 (34 SFD/42 TH)

Total # of Type I Certificates of Occupancy released - 7

Total # of Type II Certificates of Occupancy released - 27

Aberdeen Overlook

344 Total Lots

Total # of Permits Applied for – 160

Total # of permits released: 64 (18 SFD/45 TH)

Total # of Type I Certificates of Occupancy released - 3

Total # of Type II Certificates of Occupancy released - 18

DPW Weekly Activity Report

CITY ENGINEERING
ENGINEERING & ADMIN

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

- 17-03 Stadium Town I-95 Center – WS and SWM As-Built submissions received and under review. Grading Permit expired 7/7/2024, extended until end of July 2024.
- 21-03 Gilbert Meadows – Site utility contractor left site until remaining water setters are received. Stormwater facilities, BS-14 & 15 being installed.
- 22-01 Fieldside Grande – Base asphalt being installed Bumbry Circle, Abrams Road, Flanagan Way. Site is stabilized. Minor sediment control corrections need to be repaired.
- 22-05 Aberdeen Overlook – Phase 6 area stabilized. Phase 4 & 7 base pave complete. Builder work continues. U&O inspections performed.
- 22-07 Rutter's – Stormwater facilities being installed. Mass grading continuing. Excavation for fuel tanks ongoing. Building construction underway. Site is complying.
- 22-08 Popeye's, Middleton Holdings Lot 2 – Gravel wetland is underway. Building being constructed. Site is complying.
- 23-02 Fields of Aberdeen – Curb and gutter and base asphalt installed. Site is complying.

WATER & SEWER MODELING

- 25-03 Water and Sewer Modeling – Receiving comments from staff; expect to have RFP out by Aug 2.

FACILITIES

- 24-08 Sidewalk Connectivity –Edmund, C Street, and Cambridge area sidewalks complete with minor backfilling issues to address. Requested status update on completion of Barnette Lane section.
- 24-09 Elm Street Parcel – Mayor held public meeting. The general response by residents is to remove fence and hard surface and return to open space. Developing alternative solutions for leadership discussions.
- 25-01 Paving Contract – Goettner began working on the FY25 Curb, Sidewalk, and Street resurfacing contract. Greene Street patch complete. Begin Old Philadelphia Road patches.

SWM

- FY2025 Inspections have begun.
- MS4 & Stream Restoration – KCI/COA received preliminary grant approval in the amount of $886,000. Permitting and Contractor Procurement are underway. Update meeting with KCI expected mid-August.

WATER

- 22-05 I-95 Elevated Water Tank – Notice to Proceed 7/17/2024 with start date of 8/1/2024.

- 22-07 Long Drive Booster Station – Water connection complete and pressure tested. Waiting on BGE electric service. Contractual substantial completion scheduled for 8/27/2024. Contract final completion 1/15/2025. No Change.
- 24-02 Lead Service Inventory – Meeting planned with GHD 8/7/2024 to gather documents and gather documents and grant access to records.
- 25-02 Roberts Way Area Waterline Improvement – Out to bid. Pre-Bid Meeting 8/8/2024. Bid opening 8/29/2024.
- Northeast Water Tank Upgrade – Project on hold until development agreement is processed by Developer and approved by City.
- HdG Water Supply – Awaiting delivery of water. HdG & Harford County meter vault agreement approved. Meter improvements required by HdG.
- Harford County Water Supply – Draft documents provided for review and editing prior to submitting to Harford County. No Change.

SEWER

- 22-09 RT22 Sewer Interceptor – GHD surveys to begin in coming weeks for North Philadelphia section design. Waiting for proposal to include design and construction estimates. Status updates requested by end of month. Project on schedule, substantial completion 7/20/2024, final completion 1/8/2025.
- 22-15 WWTP Flare - Contractor provided CO for replacement of pressure relief valves on top of digesters ($80,000). Digester #1 to start filling this week (3 to 5 week process)
- 24-06a WWTP Lime Building Demolition – Building construction under way. Estimate completion 8/2/2024.
- 25-04 Sewer Rehabilitation Annual Contract – Budget increased to be presented to council. Working with Maintenance Shop to prioritize scope and bid Package to be ready for review by end of month.
- 25-05 WWTP Clarifier Resurfacing – Removed, per Curtis Ball. Budget amount to be used for emergency rehab of another plant component.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Code enforcement of livability, vegetation, junk vehicles, and trash complaints addressed.
    - 8 calls, 7 emails, 2 courtesy fliers posted. 2 open cases. 13 closed cases. 14 letter sent this week.
- Developing policy and SOP on towing/removing untagged cars/boats from streets and private properties.

GIS

- Create inventory map document for GHD.
- Add Gilbert Meadows stormwater data.

RECORDS RETENTION

- Awaiting feedback from City Clerk for DPW retention; no change
- Utility permits issued.

- Code Compliance/ROW Permitting/Asset Management Software Solution – Continued to meet with vendors to prepare a letter evaluating pro/cons with multiple vendors. Intent to have a finished product by the end of July to present to Mayor.
- Met with a vendor to discuss outsourcing of large scale records scanning project.

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- WWTP – Removed 87 trees from fence perimeter.
- North Deen Skate Park 1st year inspection completed.
- CCTV Camera installed at Victory Park.

STREETS & STORM WATER

- Chipper List – 8 locations.
- Cut down Hazzard tree leaning over Beards Hill Rd. near the roundabout.
- Plater & Gunnison repaired/rebuilt storm drain transition box and added new inlet frame and grate.
- Repaired 3 temp. roadway patches with asphalt. (6.5 tons)

WATER & SEWER

- Flushed 26 hydrants and flowed 227,313 gallons in region 6/7.
- Repaired 3 water meter pits.
- Repaired 8" water main leak on Farm Rd.
- Repaired an 8" sewer main on Edmund St. near Market St.
- Cleaned and inspected 636' of sewer main.

MANPOWER

- 7 vacancies – 3 Sewer Collections – 3 Streets -1 Data Entry Clerk

FLEET

- Unit 101 – Trash truck – sent to Elkton for Emissions issue.
- Unit 25 – DPW large dump truck – is at Elkton waiting on parts.
- Scheduled repairs: 4
- Emergency repairs: 11
- APD Services: 1
- Services: 1

WATER / WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATIONS

- WWTP: Primary Clarifier #1 remains offline due to structural failure. Fabricator reviewed unit this week and will submit an opinion if current unit can be repaired. A clarifier vendor has also been contacted and the 1980 cut sheets have been sent. Vendor will attempt a cost for replacement.
- WWTP. Pulsation dampener failure on primary sludge pump. Dampener pulled and a temporary weld completed. Pump back on line.
- WWTP. Failed anoxic mixer pulled and replaced with a spare unit at 1st stage.
- WWTP. Primary pump VFD failure. Spare (used) VFD installed and programmed.

- WWTP. Treated and discharged 12.4 million gallons July 18-24.
- WWTP. Changes to the digester operations have begun due to on-going methane flare project.
- WWTP. Pump tubing on both PAC pumps changed, intake strainers also serviced.
- WTP. Production well #6 remains off line, vendor to schedule site visit. A permanent ventilation system for the well house installed this week.
- WTP. High flow demands to water zone 3 continue. With high demands the high service pump has been cycling. The high service pump faulted and failed two times this week. Pump cycling of high service pump is not the design of the pump and motor.
- WTP. Treated and discharged to distribution system 8.1 million gallons July 18-14. (does not include purchased water)

MANPOWER

- Manpower: Three operator vacancies, one pump truck operator vacancy.

APD Weekly Report
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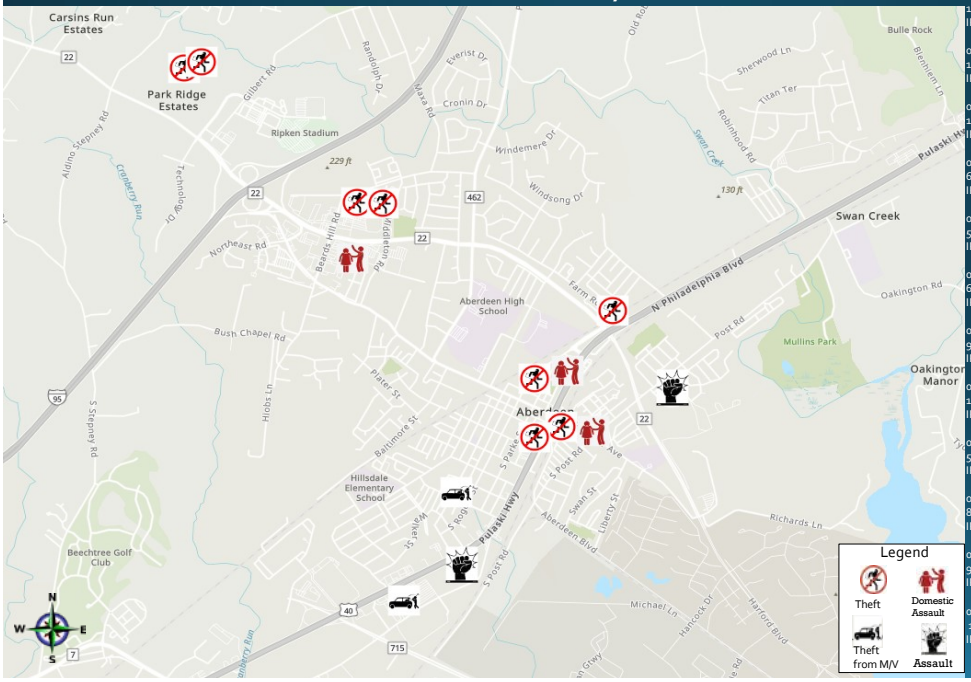
Part I Crimes July 14 - 20, 2024



07/14/24 – Theft
18 E. Bel Air Ave
IR# - 202400170218

07/15/24 – Domestic Assault
126 N. Philadelphia Blvd
IR# - 202400170384

07/17/24 – Theft
135 Farm Rd
IR# - 202400172745

07/17/24 – Theft from M/V
645 S. Philadelphia Blvd
IR# - 202400172850

07/18/24 – Theft from M/V
531 S. Law St
IR# - 202400173397

07/18/24 – Theft
60 N. Parke St
IR# - 202400173551

07/18/24 – Theft
901 Playfair Terrace Way
IR# - 202400173618

07/18/24 – Assault
111 Hamilton Pl #E
IR# - 202400173818

07/18/24 – Domestic Assault
53 E. Bel Air Ave
IR# - 202400173969

07/19/24 – Theft
815 Leni Way
IR# - 202400174159

07/20/24 – Theft
949 Beards Hill Rd
IR# - 202400175198

07/20/24 – Domestic Assault
1010 Beards Hill Rd
IR# - 202400175277

07/20/24 – Theft
210 S. Philadelphia Blvd
IR# - 202400175361

07/20/24 – Theft
949 Beards Hill Rd
IR# - 202400175439

07/20/24 – Assault
621 S. Philadelphia Blvd
IR# - 202400175491

*Information Obtained From CAD

24 Hour Reports

Date of Incident: 7/27/2024
Incident Type: Aggravated Assault
Incident Report Number: 2024 -00181043
Location of Incident: 645 S Philadelphia Blvd
(Exit to US40 W/B)
Reporting Officer: Officer Colleen Welsh, ID#167

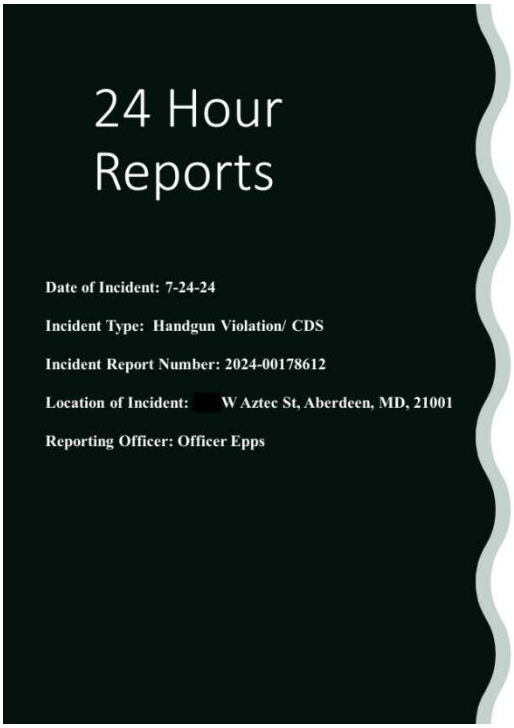
Synopsis of Events: At 3:10 PM, Officer's were dispatched to Walmart for a reported assault with a weapon. Upon arrival Officer's would see a HD motorcycle laying on its left side at the exit to enter onto US40 WB. Investigation would reveal there was a Thunder Bolt MC fundraiser at the VFW on Old Philadelphia Road where the victim and his friends got their bikes cleaned. The group left and cut through Walmart and as they were waiting for the traffic light, approximately 3-5 motorcycles pulled up on them. One of the operators (an Iron Horseman clothing) got off his bike and struck the victim in the head with a hammer. The victim was then physically pulled off the bike onto the ground when several other members of the Iron Horseman approached and began assaulting the victim. The suspects told the victim that he needed to take his patches off. A friend of the victim's, a passerby all intervened at which time the suspects fled towards Edgewood. The victim sustained minor injuries to his elbows. His helmet was cracked where it appears a hard ball shaped object struck it. There was also damage to the motorcycle which is owned by the friend that the victim was riding. Images are attached to this 24-hour report. Sgt. Neidig made contact with the on-call CID member (D/Cpl. Shoffstall) to advise of the incident. The victim ultimately refused transport to a hospital.

24 Hour Reports

Date of Incident: 7/26/2024
Incident Type: Missing Juvenile **RETURNED**
Incident Report Number: 2024-00179903
Location of Incident: 354 Center Deen Ave
Reporting Officer: Officer Brandon VanHoy, ID#177

UPDATE
On July 26, 2024, Cpl. Hoffman Responded to 354 Center Deen Ave. for the report of a returned missing juvenile, [redacted], [redacted] met with the officer on arrival as did [redacted] who had returned and was ok. [redacted] believes this may become an ongoing issue with [redacted] and advised that she will recontact APD if she needs any further assistance. [redacted] was removed from NCIC as missing.

Synopsis of Events: At 0636 hours, Officer VanHoy responded to 354 Center Deen Avenue. [redacted] advised her 14-year-old daughter, [redacted], was not in the residence when she woke up at 6:36 AM. [redacted] advised that her daughter had her phone taken and she was being grounded for sending inappropriate pictures of an ex-friend. [redacted] brother was canvassing the neighborhood upon the officers' arrival. He spoke with a neighbor at 358 Center Deen Avenue who advised they saw [redacted] at approximately 3:00 AM. Officer Welsh conducted an area canvass as well as checked locations of known associates (522 1st Street, 307 Center Deen Avenue, 358 Center Deen Avenue, and 609 Edmund Street) which yielded negative results. The PIO team was notified in reference. [redacted] was entered into NCIC as missing, NIC #M608057761.



Synopsis of Events:

On 7-24-24 at about 1430hrs P/O Epps conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Old Post Rd and Apache St. The vehicle stopped was a 2024 Honda HRV silver in color bearing MD tag number [redacted].

P/O Epps identified the driver as [redacted] and a passenger [redacted]. After the stop, P/O Epps discovered that the subjects were gang members. After additional units arrived on the scene P/O Epps requested K-9 to respond.

A short time later the passenger in the vehicle, [redacted] was observed taking a black backpack, with a white pattern on it from the rear seat of the vehicle. [redacted] then fled out of the vehicle with the backpack. [redacted] fled across the grassy area and proceeded to run down W Aztec St. The suspect then ran out of sight at [redacted] W Aztec St. A short time later the suspect was observed coming back out onto W Aztec St and continued to run. The suspect at this time did not have the backpack. [redacted] then made a right turn back towards Old Post Rd. At which point Officers lost sight of the suspect again.

A/Cpl. Tenny noticed the backpack was no longer in [redacted] possession and retracted back to [redacted] W Aztec St. After a brief search of the area the backpack was located under the residence of [redacted] W Aztec St. A brief check of the backpack discovered a handgun and a large amount of Marijuana.

HCSO was requested and the search was expanded. As additional units arrived the suspect was located again further down on W Aztec St trying to hide. The suspect then fled from Officers and it was reported he ran into the wooded area. After a rigorous search for [redacted], he was located in the wooded area. Officers were unsure if [redacted] was still armed due to 1 handgun already being recovered. Officers withdrew their firearms and issued commands for [redacted] to get down. At this time [redacted] obeyed commands and was arrested.

Inside the backpack, [redacted] discarded at [redacted] W Aztec St. A 9mm handgun (un-serialized), containing an extended magazine was discovered. The magazine contained 10 hollow point rounds and 12 Ball Rounds of ammunition. No round was in the chamber. Also in the backpack was a large amount of suspected marijuana, CDS packaging material, and a scale. $1010.00 was recovered from [redacted] and $719.00 was recovered from [redacted]. The above property was also submitted to APD property.

A search of the vehicle discovered another backpack containing more suspected marijuana. The vehicle was ultimately impounded.

The ASA was contacted in reference to this incident. MSP gun center was also contacted.

Both [redacted] and [redacted] were charged with numerous charges see above. Both suspects were ultimately transported to IPC.

Aberdeen Police Department

Arrest July 14 - 20, 2024

7/15/24	202400170904	Open Container
7/17/24	202400172787	Assault
7/20/24	202400174955	Warrant

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Total Call for Service/Events Works - 567

Eastern District Incidents

Assault – 2

Theft – 1

Vandalism - 1

Central District Incidents

Assault – 3

Vandalism – 1

Theft – 4

Missing Person – 2

Unattended Death – 1

Protective Order Violation – 1

Fugitive - 1

Western District Incidents

Theft – 5

Liquor Law Violation – 1

Sex Offense – 1

Vandalism – 1

Assault – 1

APD Weekly Traffic Report

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Traffic Stops

47 Stops/Contacts

7 State Citations

55 Warnings

4 Safety Eqt. Repair Orders

0 DUI

Crashes (Reportable, PI/PD)

8 (6 Property Damage, 2 Personal Injury)

SMART (Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer)

Location – 300 Block Post Road