



News Release

Worcester County Sheriff's Office

Controlled Dangerous Substance / Firearm Investigation & Arrest

Date/Time: February 3, 2023

Location: 700 Block Ocean Parkway
Ocean Pines, Worcester County, Maryland

Arrested: Tromaine D. Briddell 43 YOA
Berlin, Maryland

On February 3, 2023, members of the Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team successfully concluded a long term controlled dangerous substance (CDS) investigation involving Tromaine Dontae Briddell, 43 years old, of Berlin (Ocean Pines), Maryland.

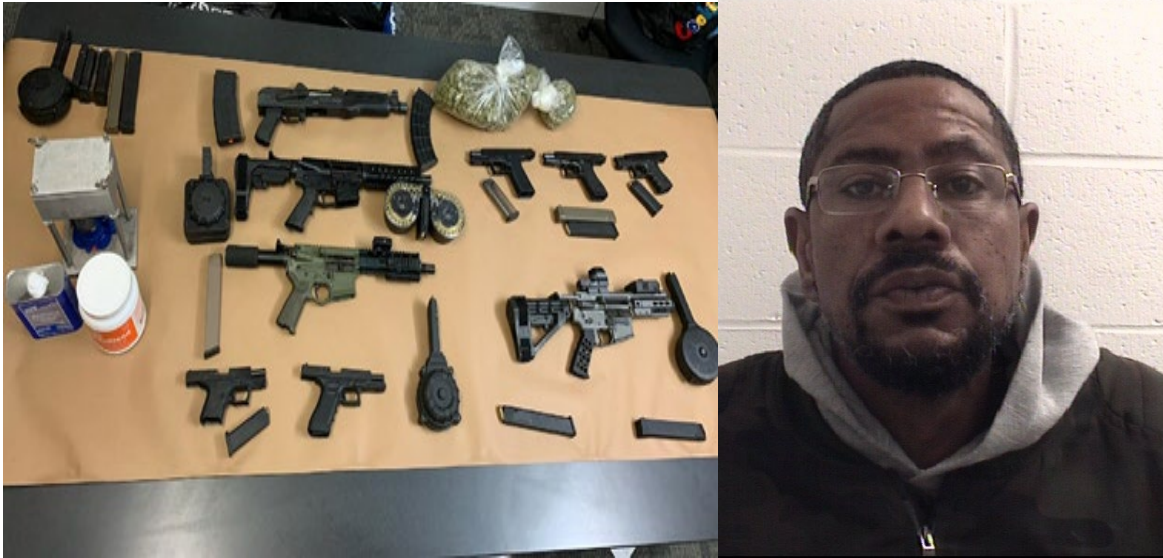
As a result of this investigation, search and seizure warrants were authorized for Mr. Briddell's person, his residence in the 700 block of Ocean Parkway, Berlin (Ocean Pines), Maryland, and a local storage unit. On February 3rd, 2023, members of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Criminal Enforcement Team, with assistance from allied agencies, executed these search and seizure warrants which resulted in the seizure of approximately 756 Grams of Marijuana, 9 Regulated firearms (3 of which converted to fully automatic), several loaded high capacity magazines, and various items of paraphernalia for the processing of cocaine.

Based upon convictions in the state of Maryland, Mr. Briddell is prohibited from possessing any firearms or ammunition in the state of Maryland. Mr. Briddell was taken into custody and charged with various firearm and controlled dangerous substance offenses, where he was subsequently committed to the Worcester County Jail without bond.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office Criminal Enforcement Team was assisted by the Worcester County Sheriff's Tactical Armed Response Team, Wicomico County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team, Maryland State Police's Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement Team, Ocean City Police Department's Narcotics/Vice Unit, Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force, Worcester County Sheriff's Office Patrol/K9, Maryland Gun Center, Worcester County States Attorney's Office, Eastern Shore Information Center, and Washington-Baltimore HIDTA.

This investigation was also supported through the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) - Worcester County Initiative which is through the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services that provides grant funding and strategic support to MCIN member sites to identify, disrupt, and dismantle criminal organizations through interagency collaboration.

Sheriff M. Crisafulli stated “I want to commend the exemplary efforts by all those involved in keeping Worcester County safe from individuals who are involved in this type of criminal activity.”



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