



# **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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# Maryland

DEPARTMENT OF  
JUVENILE SERVICES

The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) is an executive agency whose primary task is to appropriately manage, supervise, and treat youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system in Maryland.

The Department of Juvenile Services is involved in nearly every stage of the juvenile justice process from the moment a youth is brought into a juvenile intake center by law enforcement or as a result of a citizen complaint to the time when a youth returns to the community after completing treatment.

# Juvenile Delinquency

- Youth under the age of 18 charged with committing a crime are treated differently than adults. The goals of the juvenile court and the juvenile justice system are to address the causes of the misconduct while protecting the community.
- Services and Diversion Programs:
  - Youth may be referred to the Department of Juvenile Services for treatment or counseling. Youth who are arrested may be diverted to a program or be informally supervised by the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services.

# Juvenile Delinquency Continued

- Delinquency Proceedings:
  - In more serious cases, or if a child has had multiple contacts with law enforcement, a case can be referred to the state's attorney who files a *petition* in the juvenile court *alleging* that the child is a *delinquent*. A delinquent act is an act, by a person under age 18, that if committed by an adult would be a crime.
    - **Detention:** If law enforcement and/or the court believe that a child may not appear for court or is a danger to himself or to the public the child may be placed in *detention* before a fact finding hearing is held.
    - **Detention Hearing:** Children who are placed in detention by law enforcement will have a hearing the next day before a judge or master.

# Juvenile Delinquency Continued

- **Adjudication:** Within 30-60 days, the court will hold a fact-finding hearing (similar to a trial), called the *adjudication*. At the adjudication hearing, the court will hear the evidence in the case. The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the child committed the offense. The state's attorney will present witnesses and evidence, and the youth (usually through his or her attorney) will also have an opportunity to present witnesses and evidence. If the child admits to the offense, no witnesses are called. If the court determines the child committed the offense, the court will schedule a disposition hearing.
- **Disposition:** The disposition hearing may be held on the same day as the adjudication hearing, or it may be held later. At this hearing the court will determine if the child is delinquent, and will decide whether the child needs guidance, treatment or rehabilitation.
  - **What can the judge order at disposition?** At the disposition hearing the court can:
    1. Place the child on *probation* under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services.
    2. *Commit* the child to the Department of Juvenile Services. If so, the department will remove the child from the home and place the child in an appropriate facility for care, rehabilitation or guidance.
    3. Order *Restitution*. The court may order the child and his or her parents to be responsible for up to \$10,000 to compensate the victim for property that was stolen, damaged or destroyed, or for costs the victim incurred, including medical or funeral expenses.

# What is a Juvenile Writ of Attachment?

- If a parent, guardian, or custodian fails to bring a child before the court when requested, the court may issue a writ of attachment directing that the child be taken into custody and brought before the court.
- A Juvenile Writ of Attachment is a court order, utilized for the sole purpose of apprehending a child named on the writ.

# Juvenile Writ of Attachments on File

- The Sheriff's Office currently has 103 Juvenile Writ of Attachments on File
- The offenses include but are not limited to Armed Robbery, Armed Carjacking, Assault First Degree



# Current Juvenile Writs

Offense	Count of Offense	% of Offense
27286 CDS POSSESS WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE	1	0.97%
27348A ARMED CARJACKING	2	1.94%
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27488 ARMED ROBBERY	1	0.97%
BODY ATTACH/ASSAULT 2ND DEGREE	1	0.97%
CL ACCESSORY ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON	3	2.91%
CL ATT-ARMED CARJACKING	1	0.97%
CL ATT-CARJACKING	2	1.94%
CL ATTEMPTED ROBBERY	2	1.94%
CL ATT-ROGUE AND VAGABOND	1	0.97%
CL CON-ACCESSORY ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON	1	0.97%
CL MURDER	1	0.97%
CL ROBBERY	1	0.97%
CR3 202 ASSAULT-FIRST DEGREE	4	3.88%
CR3 203 ASSAULT-SECOND DEGREE	2	1.94%
CR3 402 ATT-ROBBERY	1	0.97%
CR3 402 ROBBERY	7	6.80%
CR3 403 ARMED ROBBERY	8	7.77%
CR3 405(b)(1) CARJACKING	1	0.97%
CR3 405(c)(1) ARMED CARJACKING	7	6.80%
CR4 203 HANDGUN: WEAR/CARRY and TRANSPORT IN VEHICLE/PUBLIC ROADS, ETC	1	0.97%
CR6 102(a) ARSON-FIRST DEGREE	1	0.97%
CR6 202 BURGLARY-FIRST DEGREE	1	0.97%
CR6 203(a) BURGLARY/SECOND DEGREE/GENERAL	7	6.80%
CR6 203(b) BURGLARY/SECOND DEGREE/FIREARM	1	0.97%
CR6 205(a) BURGLARY-FOURTH DEGREE-DWELLING	2	1.94%
CR6 205(b) BURGLARY-FOURTH DEGREE-STOREHOUSE	1	0.97%
CR6 206(b) ROGUE AND VAGABOND	1	0.97%
CR6 301 MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY/VALUE LESS THAN \$1,000	3	2.91%
CR7 104 THEFT SCHEME: \$1,500 TO UNDER \$25,000	1	0.97%
CR7 104 THEFT: \$1,500 TO UNDER \$25,000	1	0.97%
CR7 104 THEFT: \$25,000 TO UNDER \$100,000	1	0.97%
CR7 104 THEFT: LESS \$1,000 VALUE	2	1.94%
CR7 105 MOTOR VEHICLE/UNLAWFUL TAKING	9	8.74%
CR7 203 UNAUTH REMOVAL OF PROP	3	2.91%
ED7 301 SCHOOL INDUCE/ATTEMPT TO INDUCE ABSENCE	15	14.56%
P55 133(d) POSSESS REGULATED FIREARM BEING UNDER 21	1	0.97%
P55 133(d) POSSESS REGULATED FIREARM/AMMUNITION BEING UNDER 21	1	0.97%



# Adult Warrants involving a minor on file

- The Sheriff's Office currently has 126 Adult Warrants involving a minor on file
- The offenses include but are not limited to Sex Abuse of a Minor and Sexual Solicitation of a Minor



# Adult Warrants involving a minor

Offense	Count of Offense	% of Offense
CL ATT-SEX ABUSE MINOR: HOUSE/FAM	1	0.79%
CR3 315 SEX ABUSE MINOR-CONTINUING COURSE OF CONDUCT	20	15.87%
CR3 324 SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR	3	2.38%
CR3 602(b)(1) SEX ABUSE MINOR	41	32.54%
CR3 602(b)(2) SEX ABUSE MINOR: HOUSE/FAM	59	46.83%
SEX ABUSE MINOR	2	1.59%

# Current Juvenile Initiatives

- The Warrant Division works closely with Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) and their Community Detention Administrator. DJS has partnered with the Sheriff's Office to bring wanted juveniles to justice to be adjudicated. DJS will contact deputies 24/7 with fresh knowledge of a juveniles whereabouts and scan a copy of the juvenile writ to the deputies. Once the information has been investigated and confirmed, deputies will go to the location and apprehend the juvenile in question. Once DJS has been notified that the juvenile is in custody, DJS informs Cheltenham Youth Facility and deputies are able to deliver the juvenile without delay.

# Juvenile Crime Uptick

- There is an uptick in juvenile involved crimes surrounding Armed Carjackings and Robberies. The challenge associated with locating and apprehending juveniles greatly contributes to the abundance of juveniles that live in the District of Columbia; outside of the Prince George's County jurisdiction. Violent offenders, specifically, juveniles tend to be the most elusive to capture. They are generally very transient and continue to be on the move to avoid capture and prosecution. We will continue to foster the relationships built with neighboring jurisdictions to work together to bring juveniles and other violent offenders to justice.