



FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mount Airy Man Arrested in Child Pornography Investigation

2026-08-31

Source: Frederick County Sheriff's Office

FREDERICK, Md. (August 31, 2026)— The Frederick County Sheriff's Office has arrested a Mount Airy man following an investigation into the solicitation and possession of child pornography.

On July 29, 2026, deputies responded to the 11700 block of Old National Pike in New Market after receiving information about suspected online criminal activity. Deputies made contact with Barry Strong, 66, of Mount Airy, and detectives subsequently initiated an investigation into the suspected possession and solicitation of child pornography.

On July 31, 2026, deputies executed a search warrant in the 12300 block of Catoctin View Drive in Mount Airy. Numerous electronic devices and storage media were recovered and submitted as evidence as part of the investigation.

On August 21, 2026, Strong was indicted by a Frederick County Grand Jury on one count of Solicitation of Child Pornography and 10 counts of Possession of Child Pornography.

On August 28, 2026, Strong was located and arrested. He was transported to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center, where he was served with his arrest warrant.

Anyone with additional information regarding this investigation is asked to contact Sergeant Redman at 301-600-1046.

The FCSO Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Section works in partnership with the Frederick County Cyber Crimes Task Force with a mission to investigate, apprehend, and prosecute internet sexual predators who exploit children using the internet and technology, consistent with Maryland Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force standards and procedures.

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy funded this project under subaward number ICAC-2027-0004.

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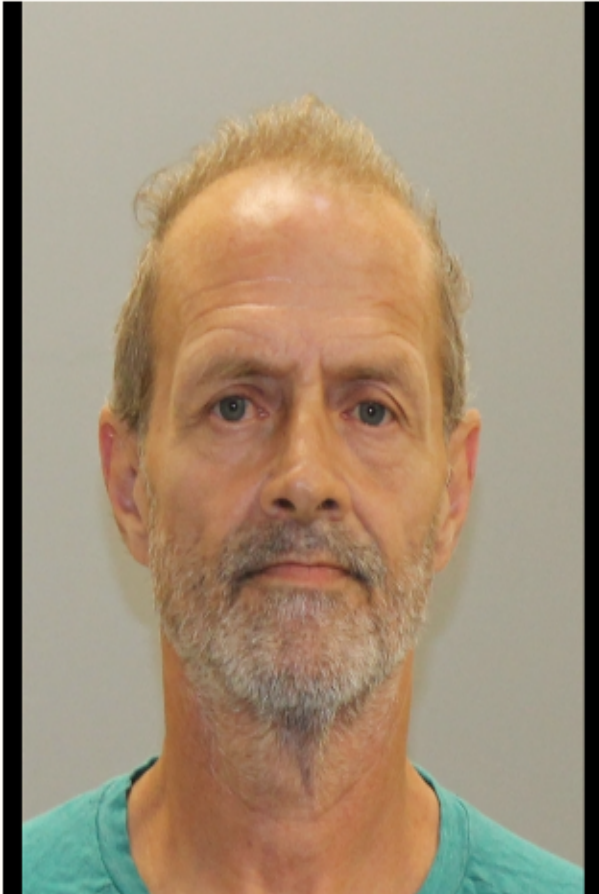


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BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT

July housing surge narrows Frederick County's 2026 permit gap as completions jump

2026-08-31

Source: Frederick County Planning Monthly Permit Report

Frederick County's 2026 housing numbers got a sharp boost in July, with housing permits more than doubling from the 44 issued during the same month last year and certificates of occupancy also climbing sharply. The county's monthly permit report shows 97 housing permits were issued in July, compared with 44 in July 2025. Frederick City accounted for 62 of those permits, while 35 were listed in the report's County and municipalities category. That burst did not erase the slower start to the year, but it substantially narrowed the gap. Before July, 2026 was running 187 housing permits behind the same point in 2025.

July cut that deficit to 134, with 767 housing permits issued through the month compared with 901 during the same period last year. The completion side of the construction pipeline also shifted in July. Frederick County recorded 175 housing certificates of occupancy, up 99% from 88 during the same month last year. Frederick City accounted for 129 of those completions, while 46 were recorded elsewhere in the report. That single month was enough to reverse the year-to-date comparison. Before July, 2026 was running 10 housing completions behind last year's pace. By the end of July, the report showed 680 certificates of occupancy for the year, 77 more than the 603 recorded through the same period in 2025. Activity was not limited to housing.

Across all types of construction, 797 building permits were recorded in July, compared with 759 a year earlier, representing an estimated \$46.6 million in construction activity. Commercial and industrial work accounted for 41 permits and approximately \$8.7 million of that total. Taken together, the July numbers show a housing construction pipeline moving in two directions at once: Permit activity remains below last year's cumulative pace, but the month's activity narrowed that deficit, while completed homes moved ahead of 2025 on a year-to-date basis. Data source: Frederick County Planning Monthly Permit Report, July 2026. FredWatch analysis and comparisons are derived from the figures published in that report.

[View the County permit report](#)

CITY OF FREDERICK NEWS

Frederick City Council to Hold Closed Session on Thursday, September 3, 2026

2026-08-31

Source: City of Frederick

The Frederick City Council will convene a Closed Session on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

Council President Díaz will open the meeting and call for a vote to enter closed session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(1)(i), which permits public bodies to meet privately to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction.

The reason for closing the meeting is to allow the Council to openly discuss the qualifications of an individual proposed for promotion within the City.

The City of Frederick is committed to transparency in government. Council President Díaz will conduct all proceedings in full compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act.



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The Day’s Run Log

Complete call activity for Monday, August 31. Excludes medical calls.

ALARMS12:54 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

1600 block PINDER ST, Bldg:4 (FREDERICK)

UNITS: PE23, TT4

ALARMS6:17 am

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

1300 block MARSALIS PL (GAMBRILL VIEW)

UNITS: E11

TRAFFIC & ROADS7:56 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls

WILLOWDALE DR / KEY PKWY

UNITS: A18, E11

8:00 am E11 on scene, checking on occupants.

8:12 am A18 transporting one patient to the hospital.

TRAFFIC & ROADS8:23 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls

PALLADIAN WAY / BISHOPS GLEN DR (COVENTRY)

UNITS: A19, E11

8:25 am A19 reports no crash found. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS9:23 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

RAMP ROSEMONT AVE TO US-15SB (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A19, E11

9:25 am E11 checked the dispatched location. Nothing found. Units in service.

ALARMS10:04 am

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

11100 block OLD FREDERICK RD (LEWISTOWN)

UNITS: E162, EK224

10:17 am E162 on the scene, single-story residential. Nothing evident.

10:24 am E162 reports accidental alarm. E162 in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS10:17 am

Vehicle Accident - Entrapment

I-70EB / BILL MOXLEY RD (MT. AIRY)

UNITS: A158, CCM19, ALS17, R15, E152, PE251, CCR1, C15-B, CCD1, BC901, EMS902

10:23 am C15-B on the scene, vehicle in the median. C15-B establishing command.

10:24 am C15-B holding A158, ALS17, R15. Other units in service.

10:45 am A158 transporting Pri. 3 patient to FHH.

ALARMS1:16 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

5100 block OLD NATIONAL PIKE — GRACE BRETHERN (BRADDOCK HEIGHTS)

UNITS: E121

1:18 pm Frederick ECC reports the alarm company received proper passcode. E121 in service.

FIRE & RESCUE2:30 pm

Commercial Vehicle Fire

12600 block DOWNEY MILL RD

UNITS: E281

WEATHER & UTILITIES2:31 pm

Wires Down Or Arcing

2200 block MICHAEL RD (MYERSVILLE)

UNITS: E82

2:44 pm E82 reports communication lines are in the roadway. Lines have been moved out of the roadway, utility company notified. E82 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY3:31 pm

Outside Investigation Of Smoke

WOODSBORO PIKE / GOOD INTENT RD (NEW MIDWAY)

UNITS: BR96

3:37 pm D9 on scene, confirming pile of debris on fire. Property owner misconstrued when burn ban ended, will extinguish.

TRAFFIC & ROADS8:14 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

I-70WB / EXIT 59 (LINGANORE / IJAMSVILLE)

UNITS: A339, A38, R15, E331, E31

8:18 pm E331 on the scene, I-70WB prior to Exit 59; multiple vehicles involved with on into the woods. Checking on occupants.

8:20 pm E331 reports no occupants trapped. Holding R15 as an extra blocking piece.

8:21 pm E331 holding A339, E331, R15. Other units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY8:51 pm

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

I-70WB / EXIT 59 (LINGANORE / IJAMSVILLE)

UNITS: A339, E331

PUBLIC SAFETY8:52 pm

Elevator Malfunction

800 block MOTTER AVE — SHARPES SQUARE (FREDERICK)

UNITS: PE23

9:31 pm PE23 reports occupant has been safely removed from the elevator. PE23 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY9:03 pm

Fuel Spill

1700 block MONOCACY BLVD — RUTTERS (RIVERSIDE CORPORATE PARK)

UNITS: E111

9:19 pm E111 reports approx. 50-gallons of diesel leaked form the pump. Fuel did not impact any waterways. Rutter’s handling cleanup. E111 in service.

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

MON  
Aug 31

84° / 70°

AM Clouds/PM Sun

ISSUE DAY

TUE  
Sep 1

95° / 74°

Partly Sunny then Slight  
Chance Showers And  
Thunderstorms

24% precip

WED  
Sep 2

93° / 73°

Mostly Sunny then Slight  
Chance Showers And  
Thunderstorms

41% precip

THU  
Sep 3

96° / 74°

Mostly Sunny

19% precip

FRI  
Sep 4

89° / 67°

Mostly Sunny then Chance  
Showers And Thunderstorms

29% precip

SAT  
Sep 5

83° / 62°

Mostly Sunny

10% precip

SUN  
Sep 6

80° / 59°

Sunny

10% precip

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