

FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Virginia Man Arrested on Felony Animal Cruelty Charge

2026-09-17

Source: Frederick County Sheriff's Office

FREDERICK, Md. (September 17, 2026) – Today, at approximately 1:55 a.m., deputies from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office responded to the 7900 block of Hollow Road after a passerby reported a disabled vehicle along the roadside. The passerby told deputies the male driver had stated he had run over his dog, killing it.

Upon arriving at the scene, deputies made contact with the driver, identified as Erfan Behnam, 34, of Reston, Virginia, who was visibly covered in blood and dog hair. Nearby, deputies located a deceased dog with multiple stab wounds in a grassy area.

Behnam told deputies he had been driving in the area when his dog jumped out of the vehicle. He said he believed he "needed to put the dog down" and admitted to stabbing the dog. Deputies located a knife inside the vehicle.

During the investigation, Behnam provided inconsistent statements about how the dog was injured and why he believed euthanasia was necessary.

The dog sustained approximately 14 stab wounds to multiple areas of its body.

Behnam was taken into custody and transported to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center. He is charged with felony aggravated cruelty to an animal.

Animal Control responded to the scene and took custody of the dog's remains.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Frederick County Sheriff's Office at 301-600-1046 or the FCSO tip line at 301-600-4131.



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FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department to Participate in Save a Life Day

2026-09-17

Source: Frederick County Health Department

FREDERICK, MD -- The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) will be participating in SoarWV's "Save a Life Day" by providing Narcan/Naloxone training at five different locations across the county.

FCHD is partnering with Frederick Housing and Human Services, Mega Mart, and Thurmont Kountry Kitchen for this event.

In addition to providing training, FCHD will also have fentanyl testing strips, and disposable breathalyzers available at the following locations on September 24, 2026.

Frederick Housing and Human Services, 100 South Market Street, Frederick, MD, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Frederick County Health Department, Golden Mile Office, 1100 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
**Spanish translation available

Frederick County Health Department, Street Safe Program, 490C Prospect Blvd., Frederick, MD, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mega Mart, 1 Western Drive, Frederick, MD, 5-7 p.m.
**Spanish translation available

Thurmont Kountry Kitchen, 17 Water Street, Thurmont, MD 12-2 p.m.

All attendees will receive one naloxone kit, an in-person training, information about local resources, and giveaways.

People who use drugs, their family members and friends, community members and anyone who wants to be prepared to save a life are welcome to get trained. The training takes just 5-10 minutes.

Naloxone, more well known by one of its brand names, Narcan, is an easy-to-use nasal spray that works to reverse opioid overdoses.

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This former prescription-only medication was approved for over-the-counter distribution in 2023, making it more accessible to the general population and allowing for more lives to be saved.

"We are very excited to host our fourth annual Save a Life Day event in Frederick County.

By distributing naloxone and providing training in its use, we are empowering people in the community to save the lives of people who use drugs without judgement." said FCHD's Risk Reduction & Diversion Program Manager Jessica Ellis, MA, RPS.

"We are extremely grateful and appreciative for those organizations and businesses who have chosen to partner with us in support of this event."

In the last 12 months, FCHD's Street Safe Program has trained 2,312 people on overdose response and dispensed 7,259 doses of naloxone to the community.

The events in Frederick County are just some of the region wide efforts. All 50 states across the US will be hosting over 900 Save a Life Day events.

A list of participating states and counties, as well as a connection to events closest to you, can be found at [SaveALife.Day](#).

"Save a Life Day is about more people feeling like they can be a part of the work of healing their communities," said Sarah Stone, Co-Director of SOAR WV.

"Everybody can pick up naloxone on Save a Life Day for sure, but the truth is most sites are looking for helpers, trainers, and people who want to find ways to plug in year-round.

Giving out naloxone can be almost as transformative as receiving it."

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FREE NALOXONE DAY

SEPT. 24, 2026

Image courtesy of Frederick County Health Department.

For anyone interested but unable to attend, the Frederick County Health Department provides free overdose response training virtually and in-person every Friday at 1 p.m.

The Frederick County Health Department is also available to schedule training for organizations or businesses who would like to receive the training. For more information call 301-600-1777 or visit [Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ORT](#).

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Maryland issues notification of possible measles exposure from person who visited state while infectious

2026-09-16

Source: Maryland Department of Health

Contact tracing underway to notify people who may have been exposed

Baltimore, MD – The Maryland Department of Health is alerting residents about a potential measles exposure after an individual from another state with measles visited several locations in Maryland.

Marylanders should review the potential exposure locations and times, watch for symptoms, and confirm they are up to date on their measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccinations.

Measles is a highly contagious disease that is spread easily through the air when an infectious person breathes, coughs, or sneezes.

The virus can remain in the air for up to two hours after the infected person leaves the area. The disease is also spread by direct contact and by touching infected surfaces.

Anyone who visited the following locations during the listed dates and hours may have been exposed. It is important for Marylanders to know that the overall risk remains low if you are fully vaccinated.

Casablanca Oceanside Inn (2408 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD 21842) from 4 p.m. on Sept. 3, 2026, through 12 p.m. on Sept. 6, 2026

Buona Vita Pizzeria (2100 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD 21842) on Sept. 3, 2026, from 5 - 8 p.m.

Bonfire Restaurant (7009 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842) on Sept. 5, 2026, from 4:30 - 8 p.m.

What to Do If You Think You May Have Been Exposed

People, especially those not fully vaccinated or otherwise immune to measles, who were at these locations during the possible exposure times should monitor themselves for any early symptoms of measles for 21 days after the potential exposure.

Exposed individuals who develop a fever or other symptoms of measles should not go to child care, school, work, or public places, and should contact their healthcare provider.

They should contact their healthcare provider before going to a waiting room or emergency department so that the facility can take measures to prevent the possible spread of measles to others.

Find out whether you have been vaccinated for measles or previously had measles. If you have received two doses of a measles-containing vaccine or were born before 1957, you are generally considered protected.

To check your immunization status, contact your healthcare provider or securely request your records online via My Immunization Record (MyIR).

If you are not fully vaccinated or otherwise immune to measles (e.g., you already had measles) and you might have been exposed, contact your healthcare provider or your local health department as soon as possible to discuss the best next steps for you.

Early symptoms of measles are a fever of more than 101 degrees Fahrenheit, a runny nose, cough and red, watery eyes. Usually, one to four days after the early symptoms, a red rash appears on the face and spreads to the rest of the body. Symptoms typically develop 10–14 days after exposure, but can develop as soon as seven days and as long as 21 days after exposure.

A person with measles is contagious, beginning four days before the rash appears until four days after the rash begins.

Following the guidance of the Maryland Department of Health and leading medical organizations, the MMR vaccine is routinely recommended at 12–15 months of age for the first dose, with the second dose at 4–6 years of age. An early dose should be considered for infants aged 6–11 months who live in or are traveling to an outbreak area.



Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

Image courtesy of Maryland Department of Health.

Adults are recommended to have at least one documented dose of MMR and some who are at higher risk are recommended to have two doses if they don't have other evidence of immunity.

Maryland local health departments are administering MMR and other vaccines, and are actively engaged with community partners to make vaccines and information about measles broadly available.

Details about upcoming vaccine clinics in areas across the state are posted by local health departments.

Standard health insurance plans typically cover the MMR vaccine; it is also accessible via the Vaccines for Children Program for children who are uninsured or underinsured. Adults who are uninsured or underinsured can check with their local health department to see whether a free MMR vaccine is available through the Maryland Vaccine Program.

Those planning to travel out of state should check the CDC website for information about cases and outbreaks in the U.S., as well as health department websites for the states they plan to visit.

Those traveling outside the U.S. should check the World Health Organization website for information about cases and outbreaks internationally, and review the CDC's recommended precautions during international travel.

To date, Maryland has confirmed 40 measles cases in 2026. Information about measles prevention, transmission, symptoms and what to do if you think you may have been exposed is available on the Department's website.

To protect the individual's privacy, the Maryland Department of Health will not provide any additional information about the patient.

[Read the original release](#)

The Day’s Run Log

Complete call activity for Thursday, September 17. Excludes medical calls.

ALARMS12:49 am

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/
Mobile Home)

5600 block PINE BLUFF CT (TALLYN RIDGE)

UNITS: E331

ALARMS5:51 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

16800 block S. SETON AVE — NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY - BLDG V (EMMITSBURG)

UNITS: E61, TW6

5:56 am E61 on the scene, 3-story dormitory building. Nothing evident.

5:59 am E61 reports a heat detector activated by a hot shower.

6:02 am E61 reports no hazards present. Alarm system has been reset. Units in service.

WEATHER & UTILITIES6:53 am

Wires Down Or Arcing

DEER SPRING RD / DEER SPRING LN (BRADDOCK HEIGHTS)

UNITS: E121

ALARMS7:37 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

200 block BROADWAY ST — WEINBERG HOUSE (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E31, TT4

7:39 am TT4 on a new, 4-story apartment building. Normal conditions.

7:40 am TT4 reports alarm company on-site working on the system. No fire department services needed. Units clearing the scene.

ALARMS7:39 am

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/
Mobile Home)

1700 block SHOOKSTOWN RD

UNITS: E11

ALARMS8:45 am

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/
Mobile Home)

8500 block RED SAGE WAY S (URBANA)

UNITS: E231

8:50 am E231 reports alarm company on-site working on the system. No fire department services needed.

WEATHER & UTILITIES9:41 am

Wires Down Or Arcing

RT355 / ARABY CHURCH RD

UNITS: E231

9:50 am E231 reports data cable off on the side of the road. No hazards. E231 in service.

ALARMS10:18 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

100 block S. MARKET ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E31, TT4

ALARMS12:42 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

11800 BLCOK EASTERDAY RD (WOLFSVILLE)

UNITS: E212, WCT6

12:51 pm E212 reports a malfunctioning alarm. Holding E212, WCT6 in service.

ALARMS1:23 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

400 block W. PATRICK ST — COMCAST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E31, TT4

1:26 pm TT4 on scene, single story commercial building. Normal conditions. Investigating.

1:29 pm TT4 investigated, no hazards present. Continuing to hold TT4; E31 in service.

1:30 pm TT4 reports sprinkler company working on the sprinkler system. No fire department services needed.

TRAFFIC & ROADS1:23 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

I-270SB BETWEEN RT109 / FRED CO LINE (HYATTSTOWN)

UNITS: A239, MCA735, R3, E231, MCPE735, MCCAR809-B

1:26 pm MCCAR709-B on scene, checking on injuries.

1:30 pm MCCAR709-B reports occupant has no injuries. Holding E231 for a blocking piece until arrival of MSP. Other units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS1:42 pm

Vehicle Accident - Rollover

RT340 / IMM (WEVERTON)

UNITS: PE52

1:47 pm Washington ECC advises responding units of a tractor trailer into the guardrail; one patient for evaluation.

ALARMS2:53 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

1300 block ORCHARD WAY

UNITS: E11, TW1

2:56 pm E11 reports burned food on the stove. No fire department services needed.

WEATHER & UTILITIES3:52 pm

Wires Down Or Arcing

4700 block MUSSETTER RD (IJAMSVILLE)

UNITS: BR156

4:02 pm BR156 on the scene, confirming wire down. Investigating.m

4:03 pm BR156 reports phone line down, has been moved out of the roadway. Utility company notified.

ALARMS5:52 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

600 block W. ADAMS CIR (WOODSBORO)

UNITS: E162, Q11

5:55 pm E162 on the scene of an end of the two townhouse. Nothing evident, active alarm. Investigating.

5:58 pm E162 reports burned food on the stove. Q11 to set up ventilation upon arrival.

ALARMS6:22 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

100 block VICTORIA SQ (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E11, TW1

6:19 pm E11 reports false alarm. Units in service.

6:27 pm E11 on the scene, 3-story middle of the row townhouse. Nothing evident.

TRAFFIC & ROADS6:41 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

RT40 / EASTERDAY RD (MYERSVILLE)

UNITS: A89, E82

6:45 pm A89 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved in the intersection.

6:47 pm E82 on scene, requesting Fire-Police for traffic control.

6:56 pm A89 transporting Pri. 3 patient to Meritus Medical Center.

TRAFFIC & ROADS7:05 pm

Vehicle Accident - Als

I-70EB / 44MM (HARMONY RD)

UNITS: A129, WCM752, ALS8, E121, E82, EMS901

7:10 pm E82 on the scene, single vehicle off the roadway. Checking on occupant(s).

7:18 pm E82 obtained a patient refusal. All units in service.

ALARMS8:21 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

5600 block NEW DESIGN RD — CRESTWOOD MANOR

UNITS: PE311, TT4

8:25 pm PE311 on the scene of a 3-story apartment building; nothing evident.

8:28 pm PE311 placing TT4 in service.

8:35 pm PE311 located a faulty detector. PE311 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY8:21 pm

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

I-70WB / 48MM (BRADDOCK HEIGHTS)

UNITS: A129, A19, E121, BC903

8:27 pm A129 on scene, checking on occupant(s).

8:31 pm BC903 reports a second vehicle involved, requesting additional ambulance.

8:38 pm BC903 placing A19 in service.

8:44 pm E121 reports CHART assisting with moving vehicle involved to right shoulder.

PUBLIC SAFETY8:26 pm

Mountain Rescue

700 block WEAVERTON RD

UNITS: R19

ALARMS10:40 pm

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/
Mobile Home)

9700 block ROYAL CREST CIR (CENTERVILLE)

UNITS: E231

ALARMS11:06 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

300 block CORMORANT PL — THE RETREAT AT MARKET SQUARE

UNITS: E291, Q11

11:10 pm E291 on the scene, normal conditions. Investigating.



PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

Missing: Makhyi Watson (MD) - Makhyi Watson, Age Now: 15, Missing: 09/13/2026. Missing From Salisbury, MD. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT: Salisbury Police Department (Maryland) 1-410-548-3165 . #PleaseShare http://www.missingkids.org/poster/NCMC/2101314/1

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FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

THU
Sep 17



89° / 70°

PM Thunderstorms

ISSUE DAY

FRI
Sep 18



83° / 59°

Partly Sunny

10% precip

SAT
Sep 19



78° / 66°

Partly Sunny

27% precip

SUN
Sep 20



81° / 64°

Showers And Thunderstorms

82% precip

MON
Sep 21



73° / 60°

Chance Rain Showers

54% precip

TUE
Sep 22



63° / 53°

Rain Showers Likely

60% precip

WED
Sep 23



61° / 53°

Chance Rain Showers

46% precip

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