

FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Frederick Police Investigating Early Sunday Shooting

2026-09-21

Source: Frederick Police Department

On August 9, 2026, at approximately 2:43 a.m., officers with the Frederick Police Department responded to the 100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue for a report of a shooting.

During the investigation, officers located an adult female who had sustained a gunshot wound. Officers later made contact with a juvenile male who had responded directly to an area hospital with a gunshot wound. The injuries sustained by both victims were determined to be from the same incident, and both were non-life-threatening.

At approximately 3:23 a.m., officers also responded to the first block of W 6th Street for a separate report of shots fired. Officers confirmed that shots had been fired in the area, but no victims were located.

Detectives with the Frederick Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division are investigating both incidents and are working to determine whether they are related.

No additional information is being released at this time. Detectives are asking residents and anyone who was in either area during the early morning hours of August 9 to review any available doorbell, security, or surveillance camera footage. Anyone who observes suspicious activity, individuals, vehicles, or anything else that may assist investigators is asked to contact Det. Anthony McPeak at (240) 578-5684 or AMcPeak@frederickmdpolic.org, or submit video or other evidence through the community link below:

https://frederickpdm.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/2026-050181

Individuals wishing to remain anonymous may also contact the Frederick Police Department's Crime Tip Line at 301-600-TIPS (8477).

Case #: 2026-050181 Incident Type: Shooting Investigation Location: 100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue / first block of West 6th Street, Frederick, MD Lead Investigator: Det. Anthony McPeak Author of Release: Lt.



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Jon Holler PIO Contact: Jennifer Gerlock

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CITY OF FREDERICK NEWS

FPD Charges Frederick Man with Murder Following Franklin Street Death Investigation

2026-09-21

Source: City of Frederick

The Frederick Police Department has charged a Frederick man with murder after officers found his roommate deceased inside a Franklin Street residence.

On September 20, 2026, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office notified FPD that Irwin Joseph Dickstein had reportedly told a witness that he shot his roommate. Dickstein also provided the location where the incident allegedly occurred.

FPD officers responded to the Unit Block of Franklin Street to conduct a welfare check. Officers found the residence unsecured, entered the home and located 63-year-old Michael Roy Bushnell deceased inside.

Investigators identified Dickstein, 87, as the suspect. Officers located him at a separate location and took him into custody without incident. Police transported Dickstein to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center for an appearance before a District Court commissioner.

Investigators believe this was an isolated incident and that there is no ongoing threat to the community. FPD thanks the Frederick County Sheriff's Office for its assistance during the initial response. This remains an active and ongoing investigation. To protect the integrity of the investigation, FPD is not releasing additional details at this time. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Stephen Radtke at 301-600-3321. Victim: Michael Roy Bushnell Date of birth: August 23, 1963 Age: 63 Frederick, Maryland Suspect: Irwin Joseph Dickstein Date of birth: December 18, 1938 Age: 87 Frederick, Maryland Case number: 2026-059966 Investigator: Detective Stephen Radtke, 301-600-3321 Media contact: Allen Etzler, AEtzler@cityoffrederickmd.gov



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FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

September is Recovery Month: Recovery requires more than asking for help

2026-09-21

Source: Frederick County Health Department

Every September, National Recovery Month gives us an opportunity to celebrate people in recovery and the families, peers and professionals who support them.

Celebration matters. But this year, I think we should ask a harder question.

What happens after someone decides they want help?

We spend a great deal of time encouraging people with substance use disorders to reach out. Call. Ask. Go to treatment. Try again. Choose recovery.

Then, too often, we hand them a system that is extraordinarily difficult to navigate.

Recovery already asks a great deal of a person. It can require changing relationships, routines, environments and sometimes nearly every part of daily life.

It can mean rebuilding health, employment, finances and trust. It can mean returning to treatment after a setback and finding the courage to begin again.

The system should not make that work harder.

That is one reason recovery cannot belong to the treatment system alone.

A person may encounter a paramedic before a counselor, a police officer before a peer recovery specialist, an emergency department before a treatment program, or a judge before a case manager. Every one of those encounters can become a doorway to help.

In Frederick County, we have spent years building more of those doorways. And while there is much more work to do, we are seeing progress.

Consider one of the outcomes that matters most: lives lost to opioid overdose.

In 2020, Frederick County recorded 60 fatal opioid-related overdoses. In 2025, there were nine.

That is an 85% decrease in five years.

So far in 2026, there have been three fatal opioid related overdoses.

Overdose data require some context.

Naloxone, commonly known by the brand name Narcan, can reverse an opioid overdose when given in time, and family members, friends and other bystanders can administer it.

Frederick County's local nonfatal overdose figures are based on reported cases from law enforcement agencies, so they should not be interpreted as a count of every overdose that occurs in the community.

But there is another number we cannot ignore: deaths.

Widespread community access to naloxone can make some overdoses less visible to reporting systems when they are reversed outside the traditional emergency-response system. More importantly, naloxone can prevent an opioid overdose from becoming fatal.

That is exactly the point.

We should be careful about attributing this progress to any single intervention. There isn't one program, agency or strategy responsible for saving lives. Our progress has been built through years of work across systems.

The Frederick County Health Department works alongside treatment and recovery organizations, Frederick Health Hospital, the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, the Frederick Police Department and our municipal law enforcement partners, the State's Attorney's Office, the Office of the Public Defender, the courts, Parole and Probation, social services and community organizations.

Peer recovery specialists meet people in hospitals, the detention center, courts and throughout the community.

The Community Outreach and Support Team, or COAST, pairs a community paramedic with a peer recovery specialist and connects people with treatment, recovery and community resources.

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) creates another pathway for eligible people whose behavioral health needs bring them into contact with law enforcement.

Treatment providers offer different levels of care. Harm-reduction teams reach people where they are and keep a connection available, including for people who may not yet be ready for treatment.

None of those efforts exists in isolation.

Together, they create more opportunities for the answer to be yes.

Yes, there is somewhere you can go. Yes, someone will help you. Yes, you can try again. And yes, recovery is still possible.

But surviving an overdose or entering treatment is not the end of the story.

Recovery happens afterward — in families, workplaces, neighborhoods and communities. It becomes more sustainable when people have stable housing, employment, health care, meaningful relationships and a sense of belonging.

It becomes harder when a past substance use disorder follows someone into every job application, medical appointment or relationship.

That means all of us have a role.

We can learn how to recognize and respond to an overdose. We can carry naloxone. Employers can make it safer for people to ask for help.

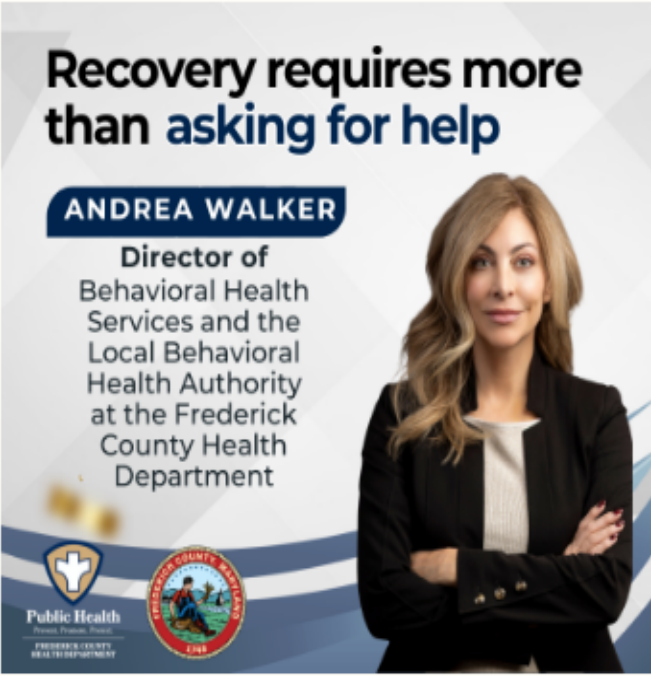


Image courtesy of Frederick County Health Department.

Health care professionals can treat substance use disorder as the health condition it is.

Families can continue supporting someone through setbacks. And communities can make room for people to rebuild their lives.

National Recovery Month is a celebration of people who have done extraordinarily difficult work. It should also challenge the rest of us to examine the environment in which we are asking them to do it.

In Frederick County, the decline in overdose deaths gives us reason for hope. Nine deaths in 2025 and three in 2026 is a remarkable improvement from 60 five years earlier.

But it is also 12 people who did not get another chance.

So we celebrate the progress. We recognize the people in recovery who show us what is possible. We recognize the families who walk beside them and the peers, providers, first responders, law enforcement officers, health care professionals and community partners who keep opening doors.

And then we keep working.

Because recovery requires extraordinary effort from the person doing it.

Finding help shouldn't.

This was written by Andrea Walker, an Inaugural Fellow of the Bloomberg American Health Initiative at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She is a national leader in public behavioral health systems design. She has led the development of mobile crisis response systems, firearm risk reduction protocols, school-based prevention initiatives, and cross-sector strategies that integrate public health, law enforcement, violence prevention and clinical care. Her work has been recognized for its innovation, durability, and commitment to building systems that protect people before, during, and after crisis. She is the director of the Behavioral Health Services Division for the Frederick County Health Department.

The Day’s Run Log

Complete call activity for Monday, September 21. Excludes medical calls.

TRAFFIC & ROADS12:18 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls

I-70WB / 46MM

UNITS: A78, A89, R8, E121, RE74, HM33, HMSU33

12:26 am E121 on the scene, tractor trailer on shoulder. Checking on occupant(s).

12:28 am E121 reports one patient for evaluation. Holding A78, E121. Other units in service.

12:31 am E121 requesting HazMat resources for fuel pump-off.

WEATHER & UTILITIES2:09 am

Wires Down Or Arcing

RT17 / BRENTLAND RD

UNITS: PE52

2:18 am PE52 on the scene, utility pole and wires down across the roadway. Requesting power company to respond.

2:21 am PE52 requesting Fire-Police for traffic control.

2:42 am PE52 reports power company algae arrived on location.

WEATHER & UTILITIES2:37 am

Flooding Condition

6300 block RUTHERFORD CT (BALLENGER CREEK)

UNITS: PE311

TRAFFIC & ROADS4:48 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls

I-270NB BETWEEN RT121 / RT109

UNITS: A239, E231

ALARMS7:11 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

5200 block PRESIDENTS CT — JRC WESTVIEW CORNER

UNITS: PE311, TT4

7:13 am PE311 on the scene, single story commercial strip. Nothing evident. Investigating.

7:16 am PE311 investigated, no hazards present.

ALARMS8:19 am

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

200 block SANDSTONE DR (WALKERSVILLE)

UNITS: E111

8:23 am E111 on the scene, 2-story single-family residence. Nothing evident.

8:27 am E111 reports accidental alarm.

ALARMS8:44 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

7200 block MARCIES CHOICE LN — COUNTY WORK RELEASE CENTER

UNITS: PE311, TW1

8:48 am PE311 on the scene, normal conditions, investigating.

8:49 am PE311 placing TW1 in service.

ALARMS9:35 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

8400 block PROGRESS DR

UNITS: E111, TT4

9:44 am TT4 reports business is conducting a fire drill. No fire department services needed.

PUBLIC SAFETY1:29 pm

Service Call

6200 block DARLINGTON CT (BALLENGER CREEK)

UNITS: PE311

TRAFFIC & ROADS2:20 pm

Vehicle Accident - Rollover

I-70WB / HOLLOW RD (BRADDOCK HEIGHTS)

UNITS: A129, A89, ALS8, R8, E121, RE74, BC903, BC902, EMS901

2:28 pm E121 on scene, establishing command.

2:29 pm E121 reports one occupant confined to the vehicle. R8 to provide extrication upon arrival.

2:38 pm BC903 on scene, assuming command.

2:48 pm BC903 reports patient removed from vehicle, A129 evaluating.

3:00 pm M129 transporting Pri. 2 patient to Meritus Medical Center. Remaining units clearing the scene when ready.

TRAFFIC & ROADS3:16 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

I-270SB / I-70 (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A18, A319, R3, E11, PE311, C1

3:21 pm E11 on scene, vehicle into the guardrail, north of New Design Rd. Holding A18, A319, E11.

TRAFFIC & ROADS3:29 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

HILLCREST DR / PENDLETON DR

UNITS: A37, E3, C3-C

3:33 pm C3-C on scene, 2 vehicles involved. All occupants are out.

3:34 pm C3-C reports property damage collision; no Fire/EMS services required.

TRAFFIC & ROADS4:19 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

RT15NB / W.

4:21 pm C3 on scene, 3 vehicles involved, just south of the bridge over W. Patrick St.

4:23 pm C3 reports one patient for evaluation, possible refusal. Holding A18, R3. Other responding units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS4:47 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

4400 block URBANA PIKE — MONOCACY CROSSING RESTAURANT

UNITS: A239, TT23, C23-B

4:49 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that FCSO are on scene reporting accident is property damage collision. Units in service.

ALARMS5:30 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

5100 block IRONSIDES DR

UNITS: PE311, TW1

5:32 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that the proper alarm passcode was received. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS5:35 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

1500 block W. PATRICK ST, IAO

UNITS: A129, E121

5:40 pm A129 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved, PD on scene.

5:44 pm E121 reports no fire department services needed. Units in service.

ALARMS8:19 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

5000 block WESTVIEW DR — TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT

UNITS: PE311, T50

8:22 pm PE311 on the scene, 5-story hotel. Normal exterior conditions, building under evacuation. Investigating.

8:47 pm PE311 investigated, no hazards present.

WEATHER & UTILITIES10:52 pm

Wires Down Or Arcing

100 block WYNN HILL CT

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

MON
Sep 21

66° / 58°

Rain

ISSUE DAY

TUE
Sep 22

60° / 53°

Patchy Fog

85% precip

WED
Sep 23

64° / 51°

Chance Light Rain

64% precip

THU
Sep 24

66° / 49°

Slight Chance Light Rain then Partly Sunny

15% precip

FRI
Sep 25

67° / 51°

Mostly Sunny

6% precip

SAT
Sep 26

68° / 52°

Mostly Sunny

3% precip

SUN
Sep 27

70° / 53°

Mostly Sunny

3% precip

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