



House Bill 824

**Public Safety - Regulated Firearms - Possession and Permits to Carry,
Wear, and Transport a Handgun**

UNFAVORABLE

House Bill 824 is an overreaction to the recent Supreme Court decision (New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen) which confirmed Maryland’s “good and substantial” requirement is unconstitutional and existed only to enable the government to deny as many citizens as possible a viable means to defend their families and themselves.

This bill attempts to circumvent the Bruen decision by mandating training standards which cannot be met. Under HB 824 Public Safety Article §5-306(9) (page 8, lines 34-31 & page 9, lines 1-8) additional requirements will be imposed:

1. Instruction on FEDERAL law (most instructors already include Federal law)
4. Instruction on STATE SELF-DEFENSE LAW, INCLUDING:
 - A. THE JUSTIFIABLE USE OF FORCE OR DEADLY FORCE:
 - B. THE PROPORTIONAL USE OF FORCE IN SELF-DEFENSE AND CONFLICT DE-ESCALATION AND RESOLUTION AND...

In response to a 1999 Public Information Act request, Assistant Attorney General Michael Bowen confirmed that there are no Maryland statutes addressing self-defense or a duty to retreat. (See Attachment #1 for more information.)

There are no Maryland statutes addressing the proportional use of force in self-defense, and/or conflict escalation and resolution. The Maryland State Police Operational Directives 10.02, 10.03, and 10.05 do outline these topics for law enforcement officers but are not intended for private citizens nor are they incorporated in any Maryland statute. (See Attachment #2 for more information.)

Because there are no State laws addressing self-defense or deadly force, nor are there any State laws addressing a duty to retreat, the net result of §5-306 will be a de facto ban on the issuance of permits to wear and carry a handgun in Maryland because the training requirements are impossible to meet.

Public Safety Article §5-309 reduces the subsequent renewal period from 3 years to 2 years, thus increasing the workload of the Maryland State Police Licensing Division by 150% (Most states' permits are valid for 5 to 7 years). With the current carry permit application rate of 400 per week, the Licensing Division will require significant additional office space and logistical support for the estimated 25 to 50 new positions required.

Public Safety Article §5-310 requires the Secretary to revoke a permit on a finding that the holder does not meet the qualifications described in §5-306. No mention is made of how the Secretary will address 120,000 citizens who currently have a permit to wear and carry a handgun and whose training does not meet the new requirements under §5-306(9). If HB 824 becomes law, will the Secretary of State Police be required to revoke all existing permits to wear and carry a handgun?

HB 824 is a mashup of every conceivable means to prevent Maryland citizens from obtaining a permit to legally wear and carry a handgun for lawful self-defense. It is a clear statement that some members of the Maryland General Assembly do not trust the law-abiding citizens of Maryland.

We strongly request an unfavorable report on House Bill 824.

John H. Josselyn
2A Maryland

Attachments: (4)

Wear and Carry / HQL
Based upon 2153 Students
Student Demographics 2021-2022

					By Ethnicity		
TOTAL Students: 2154	By Ethnicity	% Ethnicity	Male	Female	Male %	% Female	Maryland
White	1021	47.4%	841	180	82.4%	17.6%	52.5%
American Black / Caribbean Black	698	32.4%	493	205	70.6%	29.4%	29.6%
Hispanic	118	5.5%	104	14	88.1%	11.9%	8.7%
Asian	207	9.6%	178	29	86.0%	14.0%	6.1%
Other	110	5.1%	107	3	97.3%	2.7%	3.1%
Totals	2154		1723	431			
Totals			80.0%	20.0%			

47°

58°

64°

Search Site

ged

by Maxine Streicher
Monday, February 6th 2023



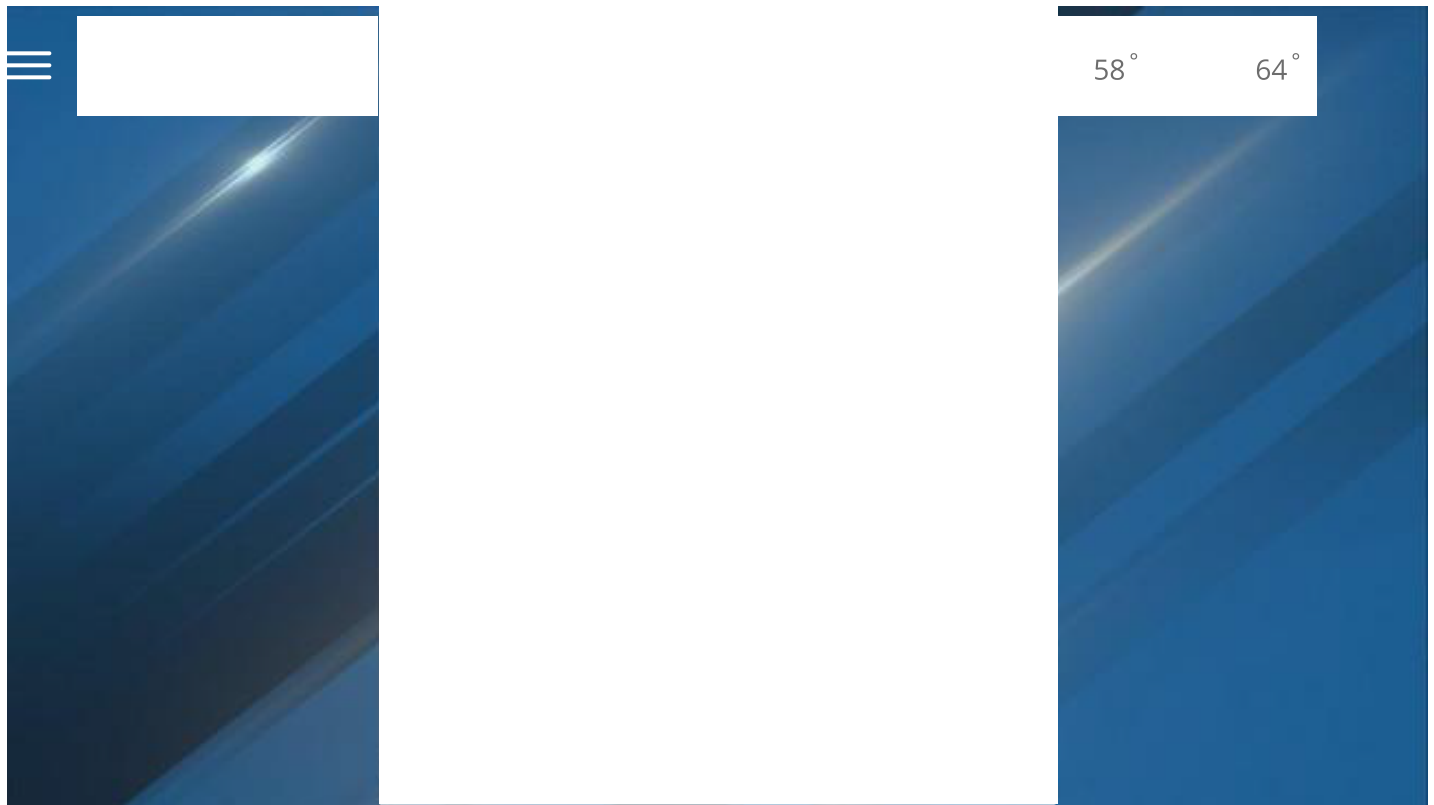
3 victims raped at gunpoint in Towson, man arrested and charged

21

TOWSON, Md. (WBFF) — A heinous crime has Towson residents on edge after police say [three people were raped at gunpoint in the alley just steps from the Towson Circle Thursday](#).

“It shook our community to the core,” Nancy Hafford said. “I’ve got to admit we were pretty horrified. We’re very sad that something like this could happen in Towson.”

According to charging documents, it was last Thursday around 11:00 at night when police say three victims were leaving a restaurant along Pennsylvania Avenue and heading to Banditos on Allegheny Avenue when they noticed the suspect, 28-year-old Quantze Davis walking toward them dressed in all black.



Quantze Davis (Baltimore County Police)

Police say Davis pulled out a gun and demanded cash before ordering them into the alley behind several businesses on W. Joppa Road just steps from the Towson Circle.

The victims told police he ordered them onto their knees and threatened to kill them before he raped all three of them at gunpoint and took off.

Police determined through surveillance video Davis had entered a nearby business and made a purchase 20 minutes prior to the incident using ApplePay. From there, police were able to identify and arrest him.

Davis, who has a Baltimore City address, is charged with first-degree rape, assault, illegal possession of a handgun, armed robbery, among other charges.

“We’re hoping that incident was isolated, that we don’t have anything like that again,” Nancy Hafford said. “We know the police are all over on the streets, and they’re going to be patrolling more than they have in the past.”

ALSO READ | [Former Gilman teacher held without bail on rape, sex abuse charges](#)

This isn’t the first time Davis has been in trouble with the law.

Polic
2021

ren being able to pc
3gal possession of a ,

47°

58°

64°

arrested in

The following year he was found guilty and sentenced to three years with all but 10 days suspended.

Nancy Hafford with the Towson Chamber of Commerce says he will be held accountable in Baltimore County.

"If you come here and you cause a crime that's heinous, we can tell you you're going to be caught, you're going to be arrested, and you're not going to get out because that's how we handle it here," she said.

This is just one of several incidents that have rocked the community in recent months.

In January, police arrested one adult and several juveniles after a disturbance near the Towson Circle.

Police had to bring in both K9 and aviation units to regain control.

Three teenagers were also arrested and charged for a carjacking inside the Towson Town Center parking garage last year.

Hafford says the community is growing but is still safe to visit.

"Towson has really grown over the last several years. We have thousands and thousands more people living here and coming here and whenever you have more people living in an area there tends to be a little bit more crime," she said.

Davis is currently being held without bond.

 **JOIN THE CONVERSATION (21)**

ALSO READ | [Suspect convicted of second degree murder in death of police lieutenant's husband](#)

Murder

Rape

Robbery

Aggravated Assault

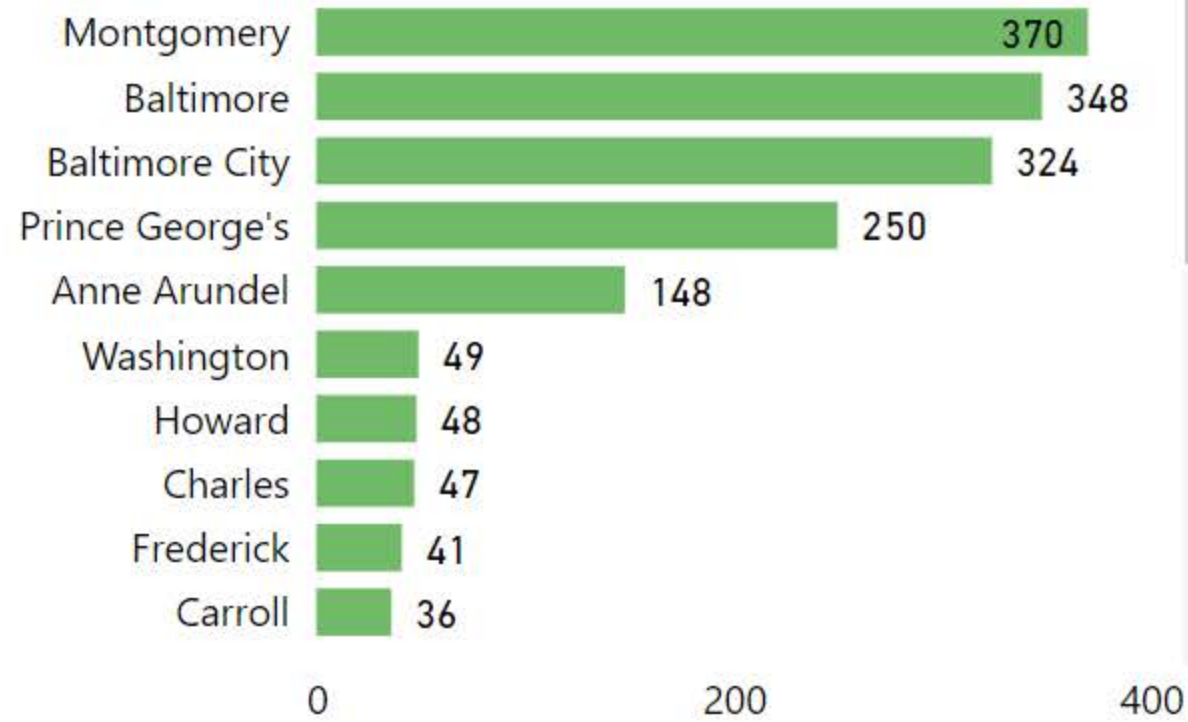
Breaking & Entering

Larceny/Theft

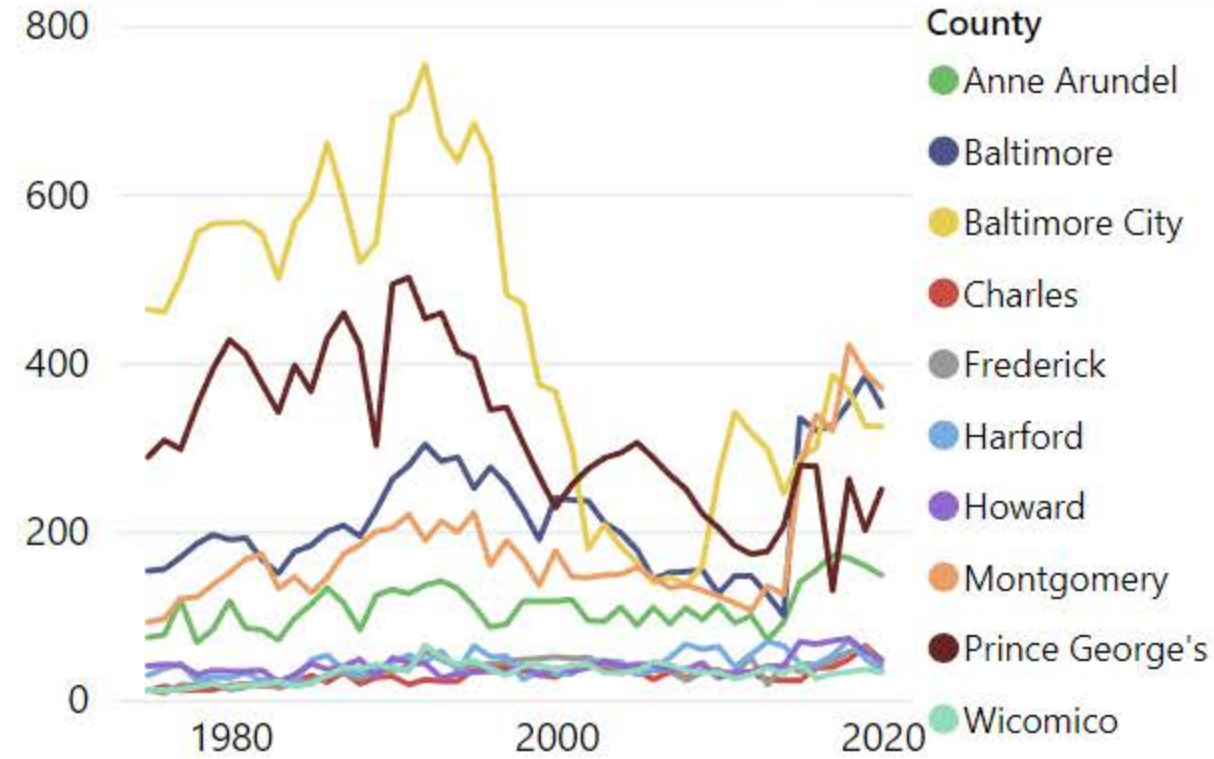
Motor Vehicle Theft

Violent Crime

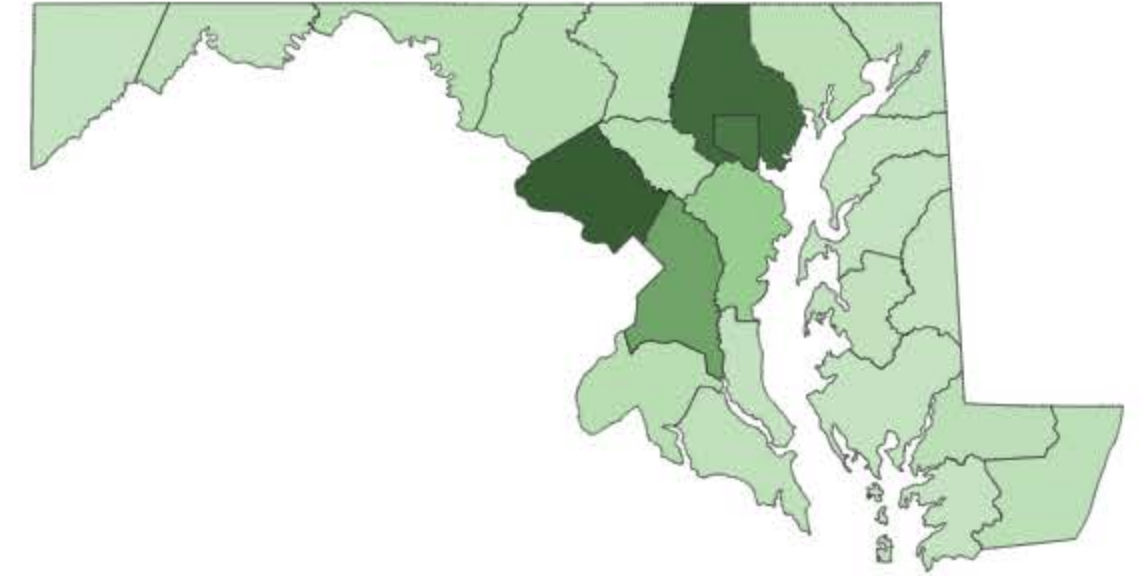
Crimes by County (2020)



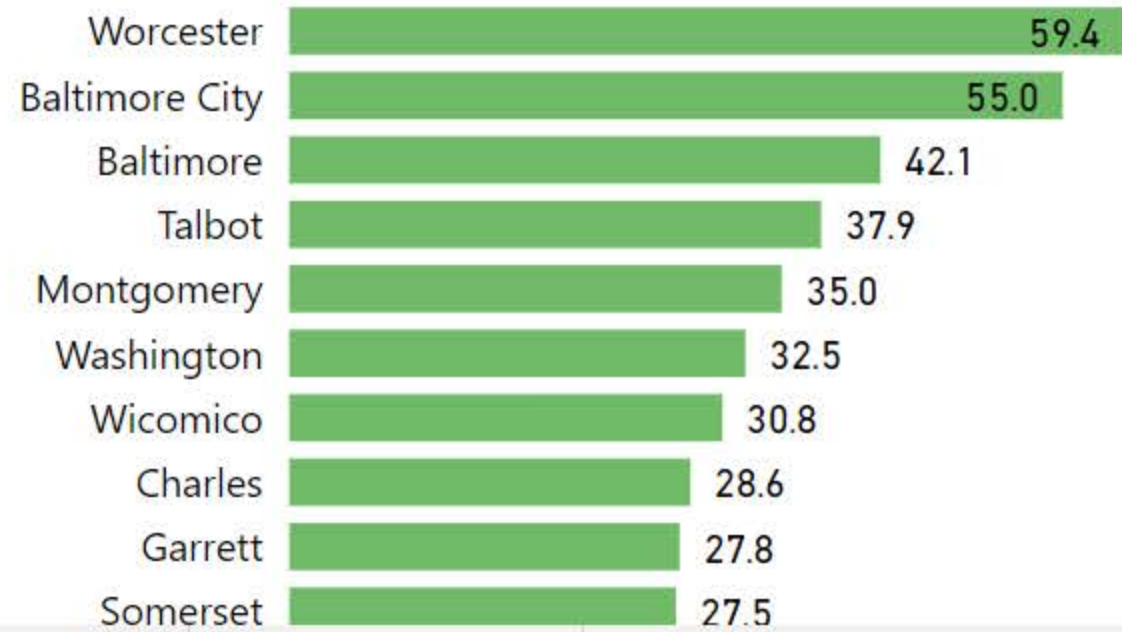
Number of Crimes by Year



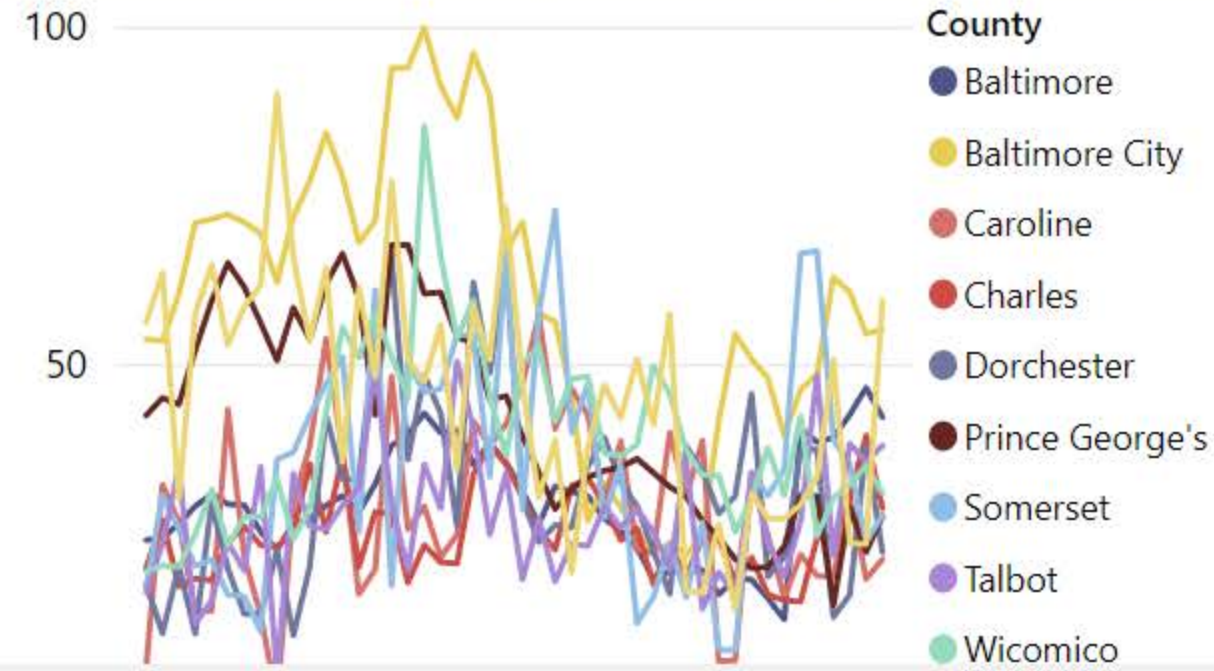
Number of Crimes by County (2020)



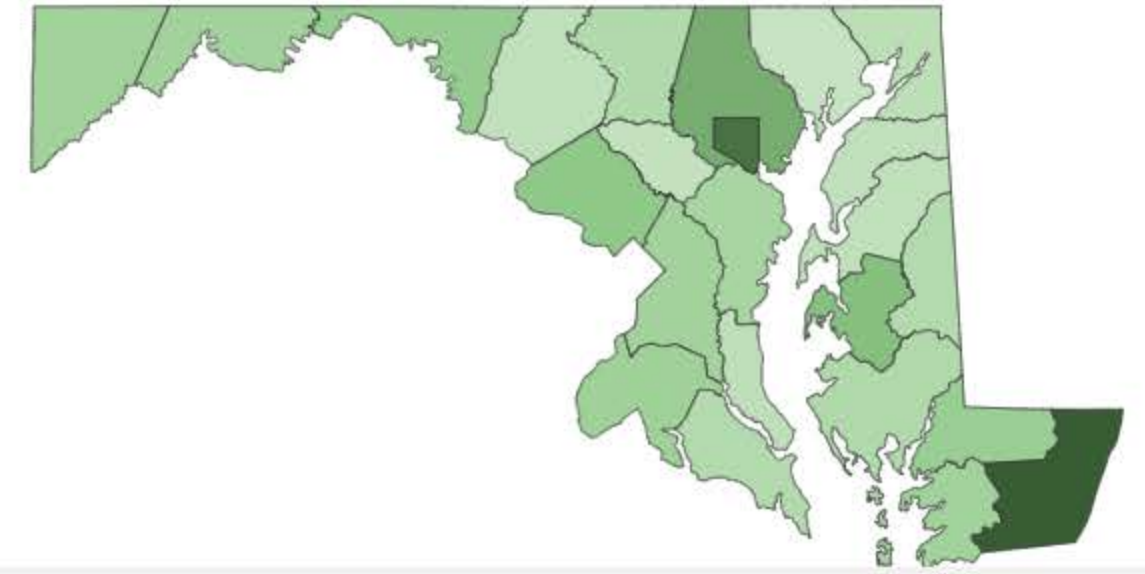
Crime Rate by County (2020)



Crime Rate per 100,000 by Year



Crime Rate by County (2020)



2A Maryland HB 824

Suspect in Towson rape arrested before for illegal gun possession

by Maxine Streicher
Tuesday, February 7th 2023



According to the police report, Davis was pulled over for speeding when police found he had an active warrant in Baltimore City for driving on a suspended license, and arrested him.

Police discovered a gun in his pocket and another loaded gun in his passenger seat which was stolen from Baltimore City where court documents say Davis currently resides.

ALSO READ | [Teen suspects, one just 15, try to ditch guns and drugs during chase, say police](#)

Davis was sentenced to three years with all but just ten days suspended putting him back out on the streets in less than two weeks.

We asked the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's office why he was given a sentence of 10 days and if it was fair?

A spokesperson tells us "In this case the defendant pleaded guilty to the top count in the Criminal Information, which was Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm. The sentencing guidelines recommended somewhere

between straight probation (no jail time) to two years in prison. The State was asking for a number of years in prison with all but 30 days suspended. You would need to review the plea/sentencing transcript to see why the judge sentenced him to 10 days. Our Office has no comment on whether it was a fair sentence.”

Ultimately it was up to Judge Michael Wachs who handed down the ten day sentence.

“If you commit a crime in Baltimore County, Towson, anywhere we’re going to find you, we’re going to arrest you and we’re going to hold you fully accountable in partnership with Scott Shellenberger,” said Olszewski.

Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski says Davis will be held accountable

We asked how he can assure residents feel safe after several incidents in Towson in recent months including the January arrest of several juveniles after a disturbance near the Towson Circle.

Olszewski says residents shouldn’t worry.

ALSO READ | [ATTENTION SHOPPERS: Plastic bags to be banned in Baltimore County](#)

“I think it also presents a false narrative about the safety of Towson and Baltimore County. Looking at our crime statistics crime has been persistently flat, we’re down in most cases, that’s true in Towson, so we want to remind folks Towson and all of Baltimore County is a very safe place to live, work, and raise a family,” he said.

Meanwhile in Annapolis lawmakers are working to make sure those who commit crimes like Davis allegedly did are held accountable

Ivan Bates is pushing legislation to even the maximum sentence for misdemeanor gun offenses to five years for all offenders 18 and over.

It would still be up to the judges to hand down those sentences.

Republican lawmakers are also planning legislation targeting repeat violent offenders.

It’s likely the proposal would look similar to what former Governor Larry Hogan pushed for years with the violent firearms offender act.

Governor Wes Moore is now pledging to get the work done.

“The ability to get and keep violent offenders off of our streets, the ability to get and keep these illegal guns out of our neighborhoods, is something that has to be done cooperatively,” he said.



JOIN THE CONVERSATION (5)

Davis is being held without bond and a preliminary hearing is set for March 3rd.

CaseSearch

District Court of Maryland

Case Information

Court System: District Court For Baltimore County - Criminal
Location: Towson
Case Number: D-08-CR-23-014084
Title: State of Maryland vs. QUANTZE LATWON DAVIS
Case Type: Criminal - SOC - Application
Filing Date: 02/04/2023
Case Status: Open
Tracking Number(s): 231001052074

Other Reference Numbers

Central Complaint Number: 230332284

Defendant Information**Defendant**

Name: DAVIS, QUANTZE LATWON
Race: Black **Sex:** Male **Height:** 5'9" **Weight:** 140
HairColor: Black **EyeColor:** Brown
DOB: 06/23/1994
Address: 4718 IVANHOE AVE
City: BALTIMORE **State:** MD **Zip Code:** 21212-0000

Aliases

Standard : DAVIS, QUANTZE L

Involved Parties Information**Plaintiff**

Name: State of Maryland

Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff

Name: State's Attorney, Baltimore County
Appearance Date: 02/06/2023
Address Line 1: 401 Bosley Ave
Address Line 2: Room 511
City: Towson **State:** MD **Zip Code:** 21204

Officer - Arresting/Complainant

Name: **NEGRON, OFC**
 AgencyName: **BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE**
 Address: **700 E. JOPPA ROAD**
 City: **TOWSON** State: **MD** Zip Code: **21286**

Court Scheduling Information

Event Type	Event Date	Event Time	Court Location	Court Room	Result
Hearing - Bail/ Bond Review	02/06/2023	13:00:00	Towson Calendar	Courtroom 1	Concluded / Held
Hearing - Preliminary	03/03/2023	09:00:00	Towson Calendar	Courtroom 3	

Charge and Disposition Information

Charge No: **1** CJIS Code: **1-1102** Statute Code: **CR.3.303**
 Charge Description: **RAPE FIRST DEGREE** Charge Class: **Felony Circuit Court**
 Probable Cause: **YES**
 Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**
 Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **2** CJIS Code: **1-1102** Statute Code: **CR.3.303**
 Charge Description: **RAPE FIRST DEGREE** Charge Class: **Felony Circuit Court**
 Probable Cause: **YES**
 Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**
 Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **3** CJIS Code: **1-1102** Statute Code: **CR.3.303**
 Charge Description: **RAPE FIRST DEGREE** Charge Class: **Felony Circuit Court**
 Probable Cause: **YES**
 Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**
 Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **4** CJIS Code: **1-1420** Statute Code: **CR.3.202**
 Charge Description: **ASSAULT-FIRST DEGREE** Charge Class: **Felony Circuit Court**
 Probable Cause: **YES**
 Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**
 Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **5** CJIS Code: **1-1420** Statute Code: **CR.3.202**
 Charge Description: **ASSAULT-FIRST DEGREE** Charge Class: **Felony Circuit Court**
 Probable Cause: **YES**
 Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**
 Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **6** CJIS Code: **1-1420** Statute Code: **CR.3.202**
 Charge Description: **ASSAULT-FIRST DEGREE** Charge Class: **Felony Circuit Court**
 Probable Cause: **YES**
 Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**
 Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **7** CJIS Code: **1-1420** Statute Code: **CR.3.202**
 Charge Description: **ASSAULT-FIRST DEGREE** Charge Class: **Felony Circuit Court**
 Probable Cause: **YES**
 Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**
 Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **8** CJIS Code: **1-1420** Statute Code: **CR.3.202**

Charge Description: **ASSAULT-FIRST DEGREE** Charge Class: **Felony Circuit Court**

Probable Cause: **YES**

Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**

Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **9** CJIS Code: **1-1415** Statute Code: **CR.3.203**

Charge Description: **ASSAULT-SEC DEGREE** Charge Class: **Misdemeanor**

Probable Cause: **YES**

Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**

Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **10** CJIS Code: **1-1415** Statute Code: **CR.3.203**

Charge Description: **ASSAULT-SEC DEGREE** Charge Class: **Misdemeanor**

Probable Cause: **YES**

Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**

Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **11** CJIS Code: **1-1415** Statute Code: **CR.3.203**

Charge Description: **ASSAULT-SEC DEGREE** Charge Class: **Misdemeanor**

Probable Cause: **YES**

Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**

Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **12** CJIS Code: **1-1415** Statute Code: **CR.3.203**

Charge Description: **ASSAULT-SEC DEGREE** Charge Class: **Misdemeanor**

Probable Cause: **YES**

Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**

Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **13** CJIS Code: **1-1415** Statute Code: **CR.3.203**

Charge Description: **ASSAULT-SEC DEGREE** Charge Class: **Misdemeanor**

Probable Cause: **YES**

Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**

Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **14** CJIS Code: **2-0705** Statute Code: **CR.3.403**

Charge Description: **ARMED ROBBERY** Charge Class: **Felony Circuit Court**

Probable Cause: **YES**

Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**

Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **15** CJIS Code: **2-0700** Statute Code: **CR.3.402**

Charge Description: **ROBBERY** Charge Class: **Felony Circuit Court**

Probable Cause: **YES**

Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**

Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **16** CJIS Code: **1-5299** Statute Code: **CR.4.204.b**

Charge Description: **FIREARM USE/FEL-VIOL CRIME** Charge Class: **Misdemeanor**

Probable Cause: **YES**

Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**

Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **17** CJIS Code: **1-5212** Statute Code: **CR.4.203**

Charge Description: **HANDGUN ON PERSON** Charge Class: **Misdemeanor**

Probable Cause: **YES**

Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**

Agency Name: Officer ID:

Charge No: **18** CJIS Code: **1-1106** Statute Code: **PS.5.133.(B)**

Charge Description: **REG FIREARM:ILLEGAL POSSESSION** Charge Class: **Misdemeanor**

Probable Cause: **YES**
 Offense Date From: **02/02/2023** To: **02/02/2023**
 Agency Name: Officer ID:

Warrants Information

Type	Issue	Last Status	Status Date
Arrest Warrant	02/04/2023	Warrant Served	02/05/2023

Bond Setting Information

Bail Date: **02/05/2023**
 Bail Setting Type: **Hold Without Bond**
 Bail Amount: **\$0.00**

Bail Date: **02/06/2023**
 Bail Setting Type: **Hold Without Bond**
 Bail Amount: **\$0.00**

Document Information

File Date: **02/04/2023**
 Filed By:
 Document Name: **Document Issued**

File Date: **02/04/2023**
 Filed By:
 Document Name: **Arrest Warrant Issued**

File Date: **02/05/2023**
 Filed By:
 Document Name: **Warrant/Writ Served**

File Date: **02/05/2023**
 Filed By:
 Document Name: **Initial Appearance**

File Date: **02/05/2023**
 Filed By:
 Document Name: **Defendant Waived Attorney at Initial Appearance**

File Date: **02/05/2023**
 Filed By:
 Document Name: **Commitment Pending Hearing**

File Date: **02/06/2023**
 Filed By:
 Document Name: **KEYPOINT**

File Date: **02/06/2023**
 Filed By:
 Document Name: **Bail Review Docket Sheet**

File Date: **02/06/2023**
 Filed By:

Document Name: Bail Review Held

File Date: 02/06/2023

Filed By:

Document Name: Bail Review Summary

File Date: 02/06/2023

Filed By:

Document Name: Commitment Pending Hearing

File Date: 02/06/2023

Filed By:

Document Name: Preliminary Hearing - Request

This is an electronic case record. Full case information cannot be made available either because of legal restrictions on access to case records found in Maryland Rules, or because of the practical difficulties inherent in reducing a case record into an electronic format.



Maryland Judiciary Case Search Results



[Search Again](#)

Last Name: **davis** | First Name: **quantze** | Middle Name: **I**

16 items found, displaying all items.

1

Note: Initial Sort is by Last Name. Sorting by other columns is available by clicking on the desired column header. Secondary sort is always Case Number (0.019 seconds)

Case Number	Name	Date of Birth	Party Type	Court	Case Type	Case Status	Filing Date	Case Caption
D08CR23014084	Davis, Quantze L	06/1994	AKA	Towson District Court	CRSCA	Open	02/04/2023	State of Maryland vs. QUANTZE LATWON DAVIS
D08CR23014084	Davis, Quantze Latwon	06/1994	Defendant	Towson District Court	CRSCA	Open	02/04/2023	State of Maryland vs. QUANTZE LATWON DAVIS
C02CR21002029	Davis, Quantze L	06/1994	AKA	Anne Arundel County Circuit Court	IF	Closed	11/19/2021	State of Maryland vs. QUANTZE LATWON DAVIS
C02CR21002029	Davis, Quantze Latwon	06/1994	Defendant	Anne Arundel County Circuit Court	IF	Closed	11/19/2021	State of Maryland vs. QUANTZE LATWON DAVIS
D07CR21024982	Davis, Quantze L	06/1994	AKA	Annapolis District Court	CROVA	Closed	11/05/2021	State of Maryland vs. QUANTZE LATWON DAVIS
D07CR21024982	Davis, Quantze Latwon	06/1994	Defendant	Annapolis District Court	CROVA	Closed	11/05/2021	State of Maryland vs. QUANTZE LATWON DAVIS
0230X3Q	Davis, Quantze L	06/1994	AKA	Glen Burnie District Court	TR	Closed	11/05/2021	
0230X3Q	Davis, Quantze Latwon	06/1994	Defendant	Glen Burnie District Court	TR	Closed	11/05/2021	
01Y0X3Q	Davis, Quantze L	06/1994	AKA	Glen Burnie District Court	TR	Closed	11/05/2021	

CaseSearch will only display results for cases that exist and for which the case's existence or a person's identity is not protected information under the Maryland Rules on Access to Court Records.

Case Number	Name	Date of Birth	Party Type	Court	Case Type	Case Status	Filing Date	Case Caption
01Y0X3Q	Davis, Quantze Latwon	06/1994	Defendant	Glen Burnie District Court	TR	Closed	11/05/2021	
01W0X3Q	Davis, Quantze L	06/1994	AKA	Glen Burnie District Court	TR	Closed	11/05/2021	
01W0X3Q	Davis, Quantze Latwon	06/1994	Defendant	Glen Burnie District Court	TR	Closed	11/05/2021	
0101SP097132018	Davis, Quantze Letwan	06/1994	Defendant	Baltimore City District Court 300 East Madison	Domestic Violence	CLOSE	10/27/2018	
2A00258631	Davis, Quantze L	06/1994	AKA	Glen Burnie District Court	CRSCA	Closed	08/19/2013	The State of Maryland vs DAVIS, QUANTZE L
2A00258631	Davis, Quantze Latwon	06/1994	Defendant	Glen Burnie District Court	CRSCA	Closed	08/19/2013	The State of Maryland vs DAVIS, QUANTZE L
HM45385	Davis, Quantze L	06/1994	Defendant	Baltimore City District Court 1400 North Ave.	Traffic	DELINQUENT PAYMENT CASE	07/07/2013	

CaseSearch will only display results for cases that exist and for which the case's existence or a person's identity is not protected information under the Maryland Rules on Access to Court Records.

16 items found, displaying all items.

1

Export options: [CSV](#) | [Excel](#) | [XML](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

Copyright © 2023 Maryland Judiciary. All rights reserved. [Terms of Use/Disclaimer](#)