



## City of Gaithersburg Police Department Press Release

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### For Immediate Release

### **Gaithersburg Police and Allied Agencies Continue Efforts to Address Excessive Exhaust Noise**

**Gaithersburg, MD – (April 21, 2021)** Law enforcement agencies in Montgomery County continue to receive numerous complaints about vehicles with modified exhausts and racing vehicles traveling throughout the Cities of Gaithersburg and Rockville and Montgomery County. Many of these types of vehicles gather at non-permitted car shows and other locations within City limits and other parts of the County. These loud and racing vehicles pose a traffic safety risk and affect the quality of life of our residents and visitors.

In a joint operation to address these concerns, allied officers and troopers from the Maryland State Police - Rockville Barrack, the Maryland Transportation Authority Police, the Montgomery County Police, Rockville City Police, and Gaithersburg Police formed an initiative to combat loud exhaust and excessive speed violations. It took place during the evening of April 20.

The focus of the operation was along Maryland Route 355, from Professional Drive in Gaithersburg to Edmonston Drive in Rockville. Troopers from the Rockville Barrack and officers from the Maryland Transportation Authority Police and Montgomery County Police concentrated their efforts along the entire stretch, while officers from Gaithersburg Police concentrated on the portion between Professional Drive and Shady Grove Road. Officers from the Rockville City Police focused on the stretch from Shady Grove Road to Edmonston Drive.

Overall, the combined efforts yielded the following results:

- 118 traffic stops
- 68 citations
- 57 warnings
- 49 Equipment Repair Orders
- 2 criminal arrests (1 for Controlled Dangerous Substance/1 for a warrant)

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