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## How to Recognize Drug Trafficking and What to do about it

### Signs of Drug Trafficking

- People frequently entering a house and then leaving soon thereafter
- A person frequently coming out of a house; meeting a vehicle in front or near the home, and some sort of exchange taking place between the person on the street and people in the vehicle
- A person frequently meeting people on the street and some sort of exchange taking place between the two people

### What to do if you see Drug Trafficking

- Call 911 and report it. Odds are the police will not be able to respond in time to apprehend the drug dealers, but your call creates a record. The Baltimore Police utilize their data bases to map narcotics calls for service. These and other maps are projected on a screen at a computer assisted meeting of commanders with senior executives each week known as COMSTAT. If a cluster of narcotics calls is observed at a location, the appropriate commander will have to address it.
  - I'm scared to call 911 as the police will know I am the person calling, and the dealers may find out.
    - Tell the 911 operator you want to remain anonymous to the responding officers, or better yet
    - Get a Crimewatch number. When you use your Crimewatch Number when you call 911 your anonymity is assured. To get a Crimewatch number E-mail Mike Hilliard at HARBEL at [mikehilliard@harbel.org](mailto:mikehilliard@harbel.org)
- Call the Baltimore Police Drug Tip Line at 410-666-DRUG or 410-666-3784.
  - This line is staffed by an experienced narcotics detective who will know the questions that need to be asked to initiate an investigation of the location. If the line is not staffed, leave a call back number on the recorded message and they will call you back
- The more information you provide the police in this matter, the more likely it is to be dealt with to your satisfaction. I would suggest you keep a log, preferably in a Word document that can be forwarded electronically to the police and others of what you see occurring that contains the following information:
  - The date the activity is occurring
  - The day of the week the activity is occurring
  - The time the activity is occurring



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- Descriptions of the people involved:
  - Race
  - Sex
  - Age
  - Height
  - Hair – color and length
  - Typical clothing
- Description of the vehicles involved
  - Make
  - Model
  - Year
  - Tag number
  - Color
  - Identifying characteristics – dents, decals, bumper stickers, damage, etc.
- Describe exactly what you are seeing such as - one person approached another, money exchanged hands, then a clear bag with a white powdery substance was exchanged
- Keep the log for several weeks or compile it from information you have then send it to me at [mikehilliard@harbel.org](mailto:mikehilliard@harbel.org) I will send it to the appropriate persons at the Northeast Police District
- You also might consider getting involved in the Northeast Citizens' Patrol (NECOP). The Patrol has been in operation for 10 years in Northeast Baltimore, and it has been very effective in curtailing crime in our neighborhoods.
- Feel free to contact me, Mike Hilliard, at HARBEL at either [mikehilliard@harbel.org](mailto:mikehilliard@harbel.org) or at 410-444-2100. I am here to assist you with any crime problems in your neighborhood.