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WESTMINSTER POLICE SEEK PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE IN SHOOTING INVESTIGATIONS

The Westminster Police Department is seeking the public's assistance with the investigation of two separate shooting incidents that have occurred in the East Green Street area of the City in recent days. The first incident occurred on July 25th at approximately 9:10 p.m. In that case, a motorist observed several shots being fired toward an individual who was running across East Green Street near Church Street. There were no reports of injuries and the victim has not come forward to police. Ballistic evidence was recovered from the scene.

On July 27, 2018 at approximately 9:55 p.m. another shooting was reported, this one in the 100 block of East Green Street. Several African American males in dark clothing were observed running from the area following the shooting. A local resident reported being robbed at gunpoint prior to the shooting. Ballistic evidence was also recovered from this scene.

Detectives of the Westminster Police Department are aggressively pursuing all leads in these cases. They are collaborating with resources from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and the Maryland State Police. At this time it is unknown if the shootings are related. It is believed that neither shooting was a random act and that they may be related to drug activity in the area. Patrol efforts have been increased in the area following the first shooting and will continue utilizing personnel from the Westminster Police Department, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and the Maryland State Police.

Chief Jeff Spaulding noted that "violent crime of this nature is abhorrent in any community and it will not be tolerated here in Westminster. We are aggressively pursuing these investigations to ensure that the individuals involved are identified and brought to justice as soon as possible. We are working collaboratively with the Office of the State's Attorney and our County and State law enforcement partners, and they have offered their full support and assistance. We are also working very hard to restore a sense of safety and security to this community."

The Police Department is requesting that anyone with information relating to these cases contact **Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Schuster** of the Westminster Police Department at **(410) 848-4646**. Information may be provided anonymously by contacting the **TIPS line** at **(410) 857-8477** or by **text** to **8475411**, keyword **TIPWPD**.

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