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## POLICE BEAT

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### CROWNSVILLE

I-97 victim ID'd

An off-duty police officer was driving the car that hit and killed a man Thursday night on Interstate 97, police said.

Brian A. Thomas, 45, of Baltimore, was hit by a car while he was crossing the road after his vehicle became disabled.

The driver of the car, Gregory D. Fabela, a 35-year-old Annapolis police officer, was driving the 2006 Chrysler 300 that hit Thomas. He was not injured and state police believe that pedestrian error caused the crash.

Troopers from the Glen Burnie Barrack of Maryland State Police were called to the northbound lanes of I-97 just north of Crownsville Road at about 10 p.m. and found the injured pedestrian. An investigation revealed that Thomas had been driving south on I-97 in a BMW 330 when his car started to swerve and ended up in a ditch. He got out of his car and spoke with another driver who had stopped to check on his well-being, police said.

Then Thomas noticed a tow truck on the northbound side of I-97 and ran across the road to talk to the driver. While they talked, paramedics and a firetruck arrived on the southbound side near his BMW, and Thomas started to run across the road again, but he was hit by the Chrysler as he crossed the fast lane, police said.

Though he was given medical assistance immediately, he was fatally injured.

Police believe the crash was caused by pedestrian error and charges were not filed against Fabela.

### ANNAPOLIS AREA

Concealed weapon

A Prince George's County man was arrested in Eastport on Tuesday night after Annapolis police found a 9-inch kitchen knife in his pocket, city police said.

Adrian Wanamaker, 28, of Capitol Heights, was charged with carrying a concealed dangerous weapon, police said.

Officers said Wanamaker matched the description of a suspect from a robbery that had just occurred in the area. They spotted him as they were patrolling on Chesapeake Avenue and Burnside Street just before 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Wanamaker said he had just left the Royal Farms store in Eastport and was heading to the Harbour House public housing community to finish cooking dinner for his girlfriend and children who live there, police said.

Police said they found the knife after Wanamaker consented to a search.

### NORTH COUNTY

Theft arrests

Two men and a teenage boy were charged Wednesday with breaking into parked vehicles in Pasadena, county police said.

About 2:50 a.m. police were called to the 7700 block of Moonfall Court. A witness told officers she saw three men tampering with parked cars. The witness said the trio drove away in a green Ford Mustang.

Officers found a green Ford Mustang being driven on Stoney Creek Drive near Duvall Highway. They stopped the vehicle and, while speaking with the occupants, they spotted a bag of change and a GPS unit in the car.

The witness was brought to the intersection and identified the two men and teen, police said.

Officers searched the car and found several stolen items, including an Apple iPod, two digital cameras, two GPS units and tools used to break into vehicles.

Police are attempting to find the owners of the stolen electronics.

Jeffery Yates, 21, of 3315 Fate Ave. in Baltimore, Scott Foster, 21, of 7516 Durwood Road in Dundalk, and a 17-year-old boy of an unknown address were each charged with theft from auto, several counts of tampering with auto, fourth-degree burglary and possession of burglary tools, police said. The 17-year-old was charged as a juvenile.

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