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SERIES OF MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO VEHICLES INCIDENTS - INVESTIGATION UPDATE

The Westminster Police Department has continued to investigate a series of incidents involving the malicious damage to a number of motor vehicles parked on various streets and thoroughfares located on the east side of town.

Since 03/10/19, the Westminster Police Department has received thirty-three [33] reported incidents of damage to vehicles. The damage included broken windshield wipers, mirrors and antennas, and slashed tires. Similar incidents in the general area have also been reported to allied law enforcement agencies in neighboring jurisdictions.

On 03/15/19, based on images from video surveillance, detectives from the Westminster Police Department determined that damaged vehicles on East Main Street, East Green Street, Carroll View Avenue, North Court Street, South Bishop Street, and Baldwin Park Drive were all related incidents. The suspect in these incidents has been identified as Michael James D'Angelo, the individual involved in the fatal confrontation with the Maryland State Trooper on 3/11/19. Mr. D'Angelo's family has requested that police inform the public that Michael had a long history of suffering from mental illness.

Anyone with information concerning these incidents is asked to contact Lt. Jeffery Schuster of the Westminster Police Department Criminal Investigations Bureau at (410) 848-3846. Alternatively, you may send a confidential text to 847411, keyword TIPWPD or contact the TIPS line at (410) 857-8477.

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