



STATE OF MARYLAND  
BURKITTSVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE



SHERIFF'S OFFICE USE ONLY

CASE NUMBER	0837641
FILER NAME	Gail Cooper

INCIDENT INFORMATION	REPORTED AS Recovered Vehicle	INCIDENT TYPE - PRIMARY Found Vehicle	RESPONDING OFFICER Gail Cooper
	ARRESTING OFFICER --	LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE Eastern Access Road	ACTION TAKEN Report, Vehicle towed by Haul of Fame
RELATED INCIDENT SUMMARY	No related incidents reported		
ASSOCIATED BUSINESS INFO	No associated businesses reported		
INCIDENT NAME(S)	ENTRY TYPE Vehicle	MAKE, MODEL Sánchez Premier 99	VEHICLE YEAR Unknown
	REG. PLATE - STATE (YEAR) Plate missing	PRIMARY COLOR Gray	SECONDARY COLOR --
	CONDITION Inoperable		TIRES All four deflated and rusted, front left punctured with nail/spine
	EXTERIOR Rusted, back doors unable to close		INTERIOR Significant damage/peeling of seats, damage from wildlife, unknown viscous substance
	OTHER Radio missing		
COMPLAINT CHARGES	No complaint offenses recorded for this incident		
COMMENTS	<p>The vehicle was discovered abandoned on Eastern Access Road at the entrance to the Black Hills Forest, called in by a park ranger. The van was heavily infested with mice, roaches, and other vermin and will be fumigated upon arrival at the county impound lot. Remains of a rodent-like creature with spines and hair were found underneath the passenger's seat. Due to its decomposition and the scavenging of other local creatures, we were unable to identify the animal. The interior of the van had mold growing on the back; several food containers were left to rot and were covered in an unknown viscous substance. All windows were broken and the exterior paint was scratched off and rusted in many places, consistent with the aging process when left to the elements. Two distinct sets of footprints were in the surrounding area, both coming from and leaving in multiple directions. One set seemed to circle the van several times. Animal footprints, of some sort of rodent, were also found, only on the muddy northmost side.</p> <p>The owner has not been identified, although a tourist approached officers at the scene of the discovery, claiming to have rented the van within the past week. This scenario is considered highly unlikely due to the poor, aged condition of the vehicle.</p>		
REPORTING OFFICER	<div>Gail Cooper</div> <div>SIGNATURE</div>	<div>Officer Gail Cooper</div> <div>PRINTED NAME</div>	