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Drug dog scans conducted at Bel Air High and Southampton Middle schools

Two routine, random drug dog scans were conducted at Bel Air High and Southampton Middle schools yesterday. The scans, done as part of the school system's commitment to keeping illicit drugs out of the schools, were accomplished using canines under the direction of the Bel Air Police Department and the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

The Bel Air High School scan involved 296 lockers being sniffed by the dog. The 61-minute scan – supervised by two officers from the Bel Air Police Department, one drug dog, three school administrators, and the school system's Coordinator of Internal Investigations – resulted in four alerts, producing one tobacco violation and one controlled dangerous substance.

The Southampton Middle School scan involved 400 lockers being sniffed by the dog. The 20-minute scan – supervised by four deputies from the Harford County Sherriff's Office, one drug dog, four administrators from the school, and the school system's Coordinator of Safety and Security – resulted in three alerts, but no controlled dangerous substances were found.

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