

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
Resolution No. 26-R-05

Date Introduced: September 14, 2026

Sponsored by: Council President Adam Hiob and Councilwoman Tandra Ridgley

Amendments Adopted: None

Date Adopted: September 14, 2026

Date Effective: September 14, 2026

A RESOLUTION concerning

**THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN THE
HARFORD COUNTY MARYLAND CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE NETWORK
("MCIN") COALITION**

FOR purpose of authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the State's Attorney for Harford County, the Harford County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Aberdeen Police Department for participation in the Harford County Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network ("MCIN") Coalition.

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorney for Harford County has been awarded grant funding through the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, Youth and Victim Services to support participation in the MCIN; and

WHEREAS, the MCIN is a collaborative initiative among criminal justice agencies designed to identify disrupt, and dismantle criminal organizations through intelligence sharing, coordination investigations, and enhanced interagency cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorney for Harford County, the Harford County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Aberdeen Police Department desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding establishing the roles and responsibilities of each participating agency with respect to participation in the Harford County MCIN Coalition; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Harford County MCIN Coalition will enhance the City of Aberdeen Police Department's ability to collaborate with regional law enforcement partners in investigating firearms trafficking organizations, human trafficking, gangs, and other violent criminal enterprises through intelligence sharing and coordinated enforcement efforts; and

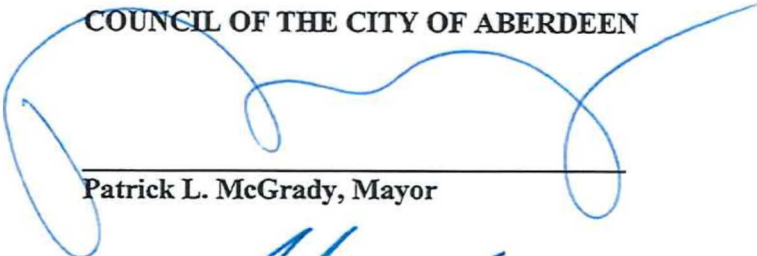
WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Aberdeen find that participation in the Harford County MCIN Coalition and execution of the Memorandum of Understanding is in the best interest of the City of Aberdeen and its residents.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ABERDEEN THAT:**

1. The City of Aberdeen hereby approves participation in the Harford County Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) Coalition, and the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Aberdeen, the Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
2. The Chief of Police, City Clerk, and other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take such actions as are necessary to implement this Resolution and fulfill the City's obligations under the Memorandum of Understanding.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto as **Exhibit A** shall be maintained by the Office of the City Clerk as part of the official records of the City of Aberdeen.

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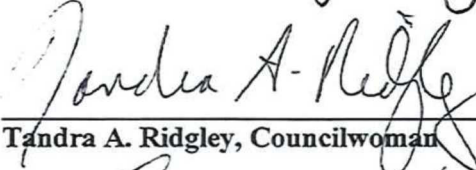
Patrick L. McGrady, Mayor



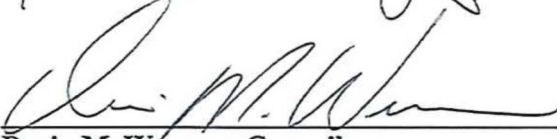
Adam M. Hiob, Council President



William H. Montgomery, III, Councilman



Tandra A. Ridgley, Councilwoman



Darin M. Wassum, Councilman

ATTEST:

SEAL:



Elizabeth G. Ward, City Clerk

Date September 14, 2026

EXHIBIT A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Attached to Resolution No. 26-R-05

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE MARYLAND CRIMINAL
INTELLIGENCE NETWORK (MCIN) COALITION FOR HARFORD COUNTY
BY AND BETWEEN
THE OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR HARFORD COUNTY, THE
HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE CITY OF ABERDEEN POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

This memorandum of understanding, ("MOU"), is entered into the _____ day of _____, 20 ____, between the State 's Attorney for Harford County Maryland ("HCSAO"), the Sheriff of Harford County Maryland ("the Sheriff", or "HCSO") and City of Aberdeen Police Department ("APO").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the HCSAO has been awarded a grant from the Maryland Governor 's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, Youth, and Victims Services through the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network ("MCIN"); and,

WHEREAS, a portion of the Grant is intended to fund the building of and intelligence infrastructure to support data-sharing with other law enforcement agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties now wish to establish the roles and responsibilities of the HCSAO, HSCO and APO with respect to the Grant.

PURPOSE

1. The Grant was awarded to the HCSAO by the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention ("GOCCP") with the purpose of facilitating participation in the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network ("MCIN").
2. MCIN is a system of criminal justice agencies focused on identifying, disrupting and dismantling criminal networks through collaboration and comprehensive data sharing, both locally and statewide.
3. Specifically, MCIN focuses on identifying, disrupting and dismantling gangs and criminal networks involved in the distribution of illegal drugs, the use of firearms in the commission of crimes of violence, human trafficking or other inherently violent enterprises.
4. An investigation is MCIN eligible if it identifies, disrupts and/or dismantles Firearms Trafficking, Human Trafficking, a Drug Trafficking Organization, and/or a Gang, as defined in MD Code, Criminal Law, § 9-801 and MD Code, Criminal Law, § 9-801.

WITNESSETH

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms and conditions, promises, and covenants of the parties and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the HCSAO, HCSO and APO agree to the following:

1. HCSAO agrees that HSCO and APO will join the Harford County MCIN Coalition as coalition agencies.
2. HSCO and APO agrees that it will adhere to the Harford County MCIN Standard Operating Procedure, which is attached hereto.
3. HCSAO, HCSO and APO agrees that they will send a representative from HCSAO, HCSO and APO to attend each monthly MCIN working group meeting, when practicable. The information shared as part of this working group will remain confidential, meaning that the HCSAO, HCSO and APO will not share information learned at the meeting with the general public and other non-working group law enforcement agencies.
4. If the HCSO or APO identifies a target or investigation that it believes would be suitable for the Harford County MCIN designation, pursuant to the Harford County MCIN Standard Operating Procedure, HCSO or APD will arrange to meet with the HCSAO's designated MCIN prosecutor, who will determine whether the investigation satisfies the MCIN criteria.
5. HCSO and APO agree that they will utilize and input information into High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area ("HIOTA") databases, including Case Explorer and Communication Analysis Portal , and provide all necessary information to the HCSAO for Harford County MCIN designated investigations of enforcement initiatives so that HCSAO can input all required information to comply with all MCIN grant reporting requirements.
6. For all Harford County MCIN related investigations, HCSO and APO will consult with the HCSAO on all court orders and search warrants prior to submitting to the court for approval.
7. HCSO and APO will share available resources to participate in an MCIN designated investigation within their jurisdiction. "Available resources" include, but are not limited to, personnel, surveillance equipment and vehicles. The MOU shall not be construed to require an agency to allow another agency to utilize resource in violation of insurance regulations or other regulations and policies.
8. The Public Information Officer ("PIO") of the HCSAO will be responsible for preparing and issuing press releases related to MCIN coalition investigations and convictions. The HCSAO PIO will confer with the GOCCP prior to the release. Press releases will not be released in the name of any member agency or department, but rather in the name of "Harford County MCIN Coalition" and will include any statements or language as directed by the GOCCP.
9. This MOU may be terminated by either party after giving sixty (60) days written notice to the other parties. If HCSO or APO fail to fulfill its obligations in a timely and proper

manner under this MOU, or if HCSO or APO violate any terms of this MOU, within the sole discretion of the HCSAO, the HCSAO may immediately terminate this MOU by giving written notice to HCSO or APO. The MOU may be terminated by the HCSAO upon at least seven (7) days' notice to HCSO and APO in the event that monies are no longer available or are not appropriated to fund the Grant.

10. HCSO and APO will not pledge the full faith and credit of the HCSAO and will not obligate the HCSAO to incur any pecuniary liability as provided for herein.

11. HCSO and APO will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless HCSAO, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all losses, damages, liabilities, claims and costs arising out of or resulting from any act or omission made by HCSO or APO, its directors, officers, agents, employees, and contractors in performance of this MOU.

12. The MOU shall be governed and construed in accordance with Maryland law, and any action brought by or between the parties shall be subject to jurisdiction and venue exclusively of the courts located in Harford County.

GENERAL

1. This MOU represents the complete, total, and final understanding between the parties, and no other understanding or representations, whether written or oral, regarding the subject matter of this MOU shall be deemed to exist or bind the parties after the execution of this MOU, unless set forth in writing and executed by both parties, hereto.

2. This MOU shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their successors, legal representatives and assigns.

3. The captions to the paragraphs of this MOU are for reference purposes only and are not substantive parts of this MOU.

4. HCSO and APO certify that the MOU has been duly authorized and approved by all required organizational action of the HCSO and APO.

5. The person executing this MOU on behalf of HCSO and APO certifies that he or she has the legal and organizational authority to do so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have, by their authorized agents, signed and delivered this MOU as of the date of the last signature below.

ATTEST:

OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR HARFORD
COUNTY

4/29/20

Date

Alison M. Healey (SEAL)

By: Alison M. Healey

ATTEST: HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Date

By: Sheriff Jeffrey Gahler

ATTEST: CITY OF ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date

By: Chief Henry Trabert