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## Man charged with touching another student

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A former substitute school bus attendant for Washington County Public Schools is now facing charges for allegedly inappropriately touching four special needs students, according to court records and Hagerstown Police.

Michael Sowers, 71, of Washington

County, was previously charged by Hagerstown Police regarding allegations he inappropriately touched three young children with disabilities on a school bus on May 5.

Washington County Public Schools said Friday, May 8, that Sowers was no longer employed by the school system as of May 7.

A Washington County grand jury, on May 27, indicted Sowers on charges re-

garding four minor victims.

A Washington County assistant state's attorney and Hagerstown Police previously said there was a potential fourth victim.

In addition to the ongoing Hagerstown Police investigation, there are active investigations being done by Maryland State Police and the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

Maryland State Police Detective Sgt.

Phillip Martin, in a June 1 email, confirmed state police have "become involved in the investigation in Washington County outside of the Hagerstown City limits."

Martin said he could not comment further due to the active investigation.

Capt. Josh McCauley, with the sheriff's office, confirmed June 1 in a phone

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## Ads for GLP-1 drugs flooding the internet



If you or someone you know is considering GLP-1 medications for weight management, it's important to know that leading medical organizations have specific recommendations for the use of these drugs. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES FILE

## Here's how to know if it's safe to buy them online

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If you watched the Super Bowl in 2026, you likely saw Serena Williams share her weight-loss journey on GLP-1 medications in a commercial. • Like millions of others around the country, if you've ever considered taking one of these drugs, you probably went online to learn more about where you can get them and how much they cost. • Online searches for GLP-1 medications like Ozempic and Wegovy have risen dramatically since 2022. Advertisements like Williams' Super Bowl commercial both reflect and help drive that growing demand. See **GLP-1 DRUGS**, Page 5A

## Trone seeks to reclaim former congressional seat in Nov. election

**Ryan Marshall**  
The Frederick News-Post  
USA TODAY NETWORK



Trone

After nearly two years out of Congress, David Trone has definite ideas for why he wants to go back.

Trone is running for the Democratic nomination for Maryland's 6th Congressional District, currently held by Democrat April McClain Delaney.

Trone served three terms in the House of Representatives before

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## McClain Delaney looks to benefit from experience in District 6 race

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McClain Delaney

When April McClain Delaney started her term in Congress in January 2025, she thought she knew how to handle the partisan divides in Congress.

She had spent plenty of time on Capitol Hill while working for the Commerce Department in President Joe Biden's administration and as

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