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MacBeth Way & Vicinity Cloudy Water

Sykesville, MD, May 5, 2016– The Carroll County Bureau of Utilities received calls the evening of May 3rd and May 4th from residents in the vicinity of MacBeth Way including side streets off of MacBeth Way for complaints of cloudy water.

Upon investigation of the area, it appears that an unknown person or persons had obtained water illegally from a fire hydrant located on MacBeth Way. When unauthorized or inexperienced persons connect to a hydrant to obtain water this causes naturally occurring sediment normally dormant in the bottom of the water lines to be stirred up and causes water to become yellow or discolored.

As stated in the Carroll County Maryland Code of Public Ordinances, Chapter 51, Paragraph 51.25, “Violations”, anyone caught tampering with any portion of the Carroll County Public Water or Sewer system is subject to a violation and fines.

Residents are urged to contact the Carroll County Bureau of Utilities at 410-386-2164 if they witness any such act.

Staff flushed water lines in the area to eliminate as much of the sediment as possible. Residents may have experienced some discolored water lasting up to an hour. If this does occur residents are advised to turn the cold water tap on and run water for several minutes until the water runs clear. It is advisable to refrain from using high water volume appliances such as washing machines, dishwashers, etc., during periods of cloudy water or low pressure.

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