



MEDIA RELEASE

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St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for February 22, 2010

On February 12, 2010, Deputy N. Chimko-Fahey responded to St. Mary's College for a report of a controlled dangerous substance violation. Deputy Chimko-Fahey made contact with a campus safety officer. The investigation revealed the campus safety officer found Noah Hart Shefrin, age 19 of St. Mary's City, in possession of a controlled dangerous substance, suspected marijuana and possession of controlled dangerous substance paraphernalia. Shefrin was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia.

On February 13, 2010, Deputy M. Boyer responded to a disorderly conduct complaint at Canopy Liquors in Lexington Park. The investigation revealed Tercell Ernerst Thompson, age 30 of Pomfret, was inside of the business yelling profanity at the store clerk because she refused to sell him alcohol. The clerk believed Thompson to be intoxicated. Several patrons were inside of the business observing Thompson's disorderly behavior. Deputy Boyer attempted to interview Thompson who continued to yell profanity at the deputy drawing further attention to his disorderly behavior. Thompson assumed an aggressive stance with the deputy and refused to cease his disorderly conduct. Deputy Boyer could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on Thompson's breath and person. Thompson's speech was slurred as he yelled. Deputy Boyer arrested Thompson. As Thompson was being transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center, he spit on the deputy's jacket. Thompson was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Public Intoxication and Destruction of Property.

On February 13, 2010, Deputy M. Boyer responded to a residence on Holly Hill Lane in California for a report of an assault. The investigation revealed Justin Scott Casavant, age 18 of California, was involved in a dispute with the victim which escalated into an assault when Casavant pulled a knife and pointed at the victim. Casavant then dropped the knife and fled the residence. A short time later, Casavant returned to the residence. Casavant was arrested for First Degree Assault. A search incident to the arrest revealed suspected marijuana on his person. Casavant was also charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance.

On February 14, 2010 at approximately 2230 hours, Deputy First Class W. Rishel observed a red Saturn, occupied by two individuals, in the parking lot of the Auto Zone in California. The business was closed. As Deputy First Class Rishel approached the vehicle, the individuals attempted to slouch down inside the vehicle to avoid detection. Deputy First Class Rishel made contact with Blake Edward Lucas, age 20 of Lexington Park, and Bryant Allen Michael Lawson, age 18 of Leonardtown. As Deputy First Class Rishel was speaking with Lucas and Lawson he smelled an odor of burnt marijuana. Further investigation revealed suspected

marijuana and controlled dangerous substance paraphernalia inside the vehicle. Lucas and Lawson were arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia.

On February 14, 2010, Deputy E. Croyle responded to the Sleep Inn in California for a report of a disturbance inside of a room. Upon arrival, Deputy Croyle responded to the room where the reported disturbance was occurring and made contact with Crystal Ann Coontz, age 20 of Lexington Park. A warrant check revealed Coontz had an open bench warrant for her arrest for theft in Charles County. Coontz was arrested on the warrant. A search incident to the arrest revealed two small unsealed plastic baggies containing two different prescription pills. One baggie contained 13 pills, later identified as hydrocodone 500 mg, a Schedule III Narcotic, and the other baggie contained 2 zanax 2 mg pills, a Schedule IV Narcotic. None of the pills were prescribed to Coontz. Coontz was served with the open warrant and charged additionally with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance.

On February 14, 2010 at approximately 1844 hours, a 2004 Toyota Tundra driven by Robert Nelson Jr., age 40 of Charlotte Hall, was eastbound on Mohawk Drive just past Lakota Lane in Charlotte Hall. Nelson was traveling down the middle of the road, however, the road is unlined. Virginia Burch, age 61 of Charlotte Hall, was walking eastbound on Mohawk Drive just past Lakota Lane on the westbound side of the road. Burch was struck by the truck and thrown into an adjacent snow bank lining the road. She was transported to Prince George's Shock Trauma by Maryland State Police Helicopter Trooper 7 where she succumbed to her injuries. Nelson was not injured. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in this collision. Members of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Team responded to the scene and assumed the investigation. The investigation is continuing, anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact Deputy First Class T. Reese at 301-475-4200 x9115.

On February 14, 2010, Deputy E. Croyle responded to a residence on Three Notch Road in Hollywood for a report of a domestic assault. The investigation revealed Rebecca Ann Ellis, age 43 of Hollywood, was involved in a verbal dispute which escalated into a physical assault when Ellis pushed and struck the victim. Ellis was arrested for Second Degree Assault.

On February 15, 2010, Corporal K. Somerville responded to a residence on Greenbrier Road in Leonardtown for a report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, Corporal Somerville observed Ted William Taylor Jr., age 20 of Leonardtown, acting in a disorderly manner. Corporal Somerville asked Taylor several times to calm down and was attempting to interview Taylor when Taylor took a small wooden bat and struck a wall in the residence causing damage. Taylor was not the owner of the residence. Taylor was arrested for Destruction of Property. Taylor was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center by Deputy T. White. As Deputy White was escorting Taylor into the detention center, Taylor spit in Deputy White's face. Taylor was charged additionally with Second Degree Assault.

On February 16, 2010, the victim observed Robert Delane Faulk Jr., age 19 of Lexington Park, bending the radio antenna to his 1998 Chevy Cavalier. The victim was familiar with Faulk as they had past encounters. Prior to the deputy's arrival, Faulk fled the scene. A short time later Deputy First Class C. Dodson observed Faulk return to the area of the victim's residence. Deputy First Class Dodson stopped and interviewed Faulk. After further investigation by Deputy First Class Dodson, Faulk was arrested and charged with Malicious Destruction of Property.

If any additional information is needed, please contact the Duty Officer at 301-475-4200 x1900.