



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for March 22, 2010**

On March 13, 2010, Detectives from the Bureau of Criminal Investigations conducted an investigation into the alleged sexual abuse of two females, currently 19 and 15 years of age in Mechanicsville. The investigation revealed a family member, Michael Thirion, age 49 of Mechanicsville, had sexually abused the victims several times a week over the past 7 years. The suspect was identified, placed under arrest, charged with two counts of Felony Child Abuse, two counts of Second Degree Sex Offense, two counts of Third Degree Sex Offense and two counts of Engaging in a Continuing Course of Conduct Over a Period of 90 Days With a Victim Under the Age of 14 Years Which Includes Three or More Acts. The subject was incarcerated in the St. Mary's County Detention Center and is currently being held on a \$250,000.00 bond.

On March 16, 2010, Deputy First Class K. Meyer responded to the Super Eight Motel in California for a reported assault. Deputy First Class Meyer learned Twannette D. Thomas, age 20 of Lexington Park, became involved in an argument with her boyfriend (victim). During the argument, Thomas struck the victim with a beer bottle causing visible injury. Thomas was arrested, charged with Assault and released to the custody of the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending an appearance before the District Court Commissioner.

On March 16, 2010, Deputy First Class K. Moritz responded to Millison Plaza in Lexington Park for a report of a subject harassing customers at a local business. Deputy First Class Moritz found Terercell E. Thompson, age 33 of no fixed address, in the shopping center. Thompson had been issued a Notice Not to Trespass for the shopping center six days earlier by Corporal R. Russell. Thompson was arrested and charged with Trespassing, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol and Willfully Obstructing and Hindering the Free Passage of Another and Others in a Public Place. Thompson was released to the custody of the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending an appearance before the District Court Commissioner.

On March 17, 2010, Corporal P. Handy responded to Greenview Knolls Elementary School for a report of subjects on the roof. Upon arrival, Corporal Handy observed subjects running from the rear of the school. One of the subjects was apprehended and identified as Nicholas Michael Gonzalez, age 18 of California. A check of the school revealed entry to the structure was not made but Corporal Handy determined through investigation the subjects attempted to enter. Gonzalez was charged with Fourth Degree Burglary and released to the custody of the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending an appearance before the District Court Commissioner. Accomplices have been identified and additional arrests are pending.

On March 19, 2010 at approximately 1408 hours, patrol units from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and the Maryland State Police responded to Patuxent Road in Lexington Park for a reported shooting. Patrol units arrived on the scene and were unable to locate a suspect. Members of the St. Mary's County Bureau of Criminal Investigations were contacted and responded to the scene to assume the investigation. Joseph Cephas Harrod, age 24, and Jeremiah Lee Logan, age 29, both of Lexington Park, were later identified as the suspects. After a brief search of the area, both suspects were located and transported to the Bureau of Criminal Investigations for questioning. The investigation revealed that an argument between the suspects and unknown males took place at the above location. Harrod became irate and retrieved a handgun and shot several times in the air and at a residence. Harrod and Logan were arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center. They were charged with First Degree Assault and Reckless Endangerment. Additional charges are pending a review with the States Attorney's Office.

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