



MEDIA RELEASE

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St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for April 5, 2010

On March 27, 2010, Deputy K. Flerlage responded to St. Mary's College for a trespassing complaint. The investigation revealed on March 22, 2010, Michael Keith Stepp, age 19 of Lexington Park, was served with a Notice Not To Trespass on St. Mary's College property. On March 27, 2010, Stepp returned to St. Mary's College in violation of the No Trespassing Notice. Stepp was detained by Campus Security, arrested and charged with Trespassing.

On March 28, 2010, Deputy G. Knott stopped a Dodge Stratus driven by Victor Martinez Robinson, age 27 of Lexington Park, for a motor vehicle traffic violation. As Deputy Knott was conducting his investigation, Deputy First Class W. Rishel and his K9 partner conducted a K9 controlled dangerous substance scan of the vehicle. The K9 alerted on the driver's door. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted which revealed suspected marijuana concealed in the vehicle. Robinson was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia.

On March 28, 2010, Deputy First Class J. Graves responded to a residence on Three Notch Road in Mechanicsville for a report of a domestic assault in progress. Upon arrival, Deputy First Class Graves heard loud yelling from within the residence. Deputy First Class Graves knocked on the door, announced himself and entered the residence. Deputy First Class Graves observed the victim bleeding. Further investigation revealed Joseph Daniel Wells, age 38 of Mechanicsville, struck the victim during an argument. Wells was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On March 28, 2010, Deputy First Class S. Cathcart responded to a burglar alarm at the Southern Maryland Child Care Resource Center in Mechanicsville. Upon arrival, Deputy First Class Cathcart found the glass door broken with a handicap sign which had once been posted in front of the building. The building was cleared and found to be unoccupied. A K9 track was conducted and located Gary Eugene Fortney, age 50 of no fixed address, hiding in the wooded area several hundred yards behind the business. Further investigation revealed Fortney to be in possession of property which was taken from the Southern Maryland Child Care Resource Center. Fortney was arrested and charged with Second Degree Burglary, Theft and Destruction of Property.

On March 28, 2010 Deputy K. Flerlage responded to a residence on Fox Chase Drive for a report of a trespasser. The investigation revealed Michael Aloysious Mason, age 35 of Valley Lee, to be on the property. The owner of the property told Mason to leave the property and Mason refused. As Deputy Flerlage was attempting to investigate the situation, Mason began to

yell and curse attracting the attention of other residents who live in the surrounding apartments. Mason was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct and Trespassing.

On March 28, 2010, Deputy B. Foor responded to a residence on Liberty Street in Lexington Park for a report of an assault in progress. Jesus David Weigand, age 21 of Lexington Park, was engaged in a verbal dispute with the victim which escalated into a physical assault when Weigand grabbed the victim by the arms and struck her several times. Weigand was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On March 28, 2010, Deputy T. Seyfried was assisting Deputy M. Boyer with a suspicious vehicle complaint in the area of Three Notch Road in California. The investigation revealed the occupants of the vehicle were in the area to purchase a controlled dangerous substance. The occupants provided the deputies with a description of the vehicle which the seller of the controlled dangerous substance would be driving. A short time later the suspect vehicle arrived in the area. The vehicle was driven by Mathew Tokuji Mikesell, age 30 of Piney Point. Further investigation revealed Mikesell was in possession of a controlled dangerous substance, suspected crack cocaine and controlled dangerous substance paraphernalia. Mikesell was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia.

On March 28, 2010, Deputy M. Boyer was patrolling the Wildewood Shopping Center in California when he encountered an occupied Dodge in the area after the businesses were closed. The vehicle was occupied by Jason Michael Reintzell, age 32 of Lexington Park. A consent search revealed Reintzell to be in possession of a controlled dangerous substance, suspected marijuana and controlled dangerous substance paraphernalia. Reintzell was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia.

On April 1, 2010, members of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations Sex Offender Unit conducted an investigation which led to the arrest of Joseph Henry Payne. The investigation revealed that Payne was not residing at his home of record and did not provide the Maryland Online Sex Offender Registry with the address at which he was staying. He was located on St. Richards Court in Great Mills, apprehended, and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center. Citizens with information concerning registered sex offenders are urged to contact Corporal William Raddatz of the Sex Offender Registry at 301-475-4200 x1958. Callers can also make anonymous tips at 301-475-3333, or text "TIP239" plus your message to "CRIMES" (274637).

An Arrest Warrant has been issued by the District Court Commissioner's Office charging Michael Thomas Collins Jr., a white male, age 24, height 5'11", weight 150 lbs., brown eyes and brown hair, of Waldorf, with First Degree Escape after Collins walked away from an in-patient counseling center in Charlotte Hall. Collins was sentenced to 18 months in the St. Mary's County Detention Center reference a Probation Violation resulting from a Second Degree Assault conviction. Collins was last observed wearing a black shirt with fleece lining and blue jeans. Anyone having any information regarding Collins is asked to call 301-475-4040 or Crime Solvers at 301-475-3333. Citizens can also text "TIP239" plus your message to "CRIMES" (274637). Citizens can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00.

Vice/Narcotics Detectives, assisted by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Team, executed a Search and Seizure Warrant on a Great Mills home. The targets of the Search Warrant, Kese Eman Lyles, age 28 of Great Mills, and Sheldon Lyvonne Curtis, age 29 of Great Mills, were both present. Approximately \$3,000.00 worth of marijuana was recovered as well as cash that was hidden inside the home, digital scales and cell phones. Additional charges are pending a review with State's Attorney Richard D. Fritz.

Information was received by Vice/Narcotics Detectives that Corey Bowman, age 29 of Lexington Park, was distributing various controlled substances in and around the Lexington Park area. Detectives began the investigation into Bowman and his drug operation in November of 2009. Detectives made undercover purchases of cocaine from Bowman and that led to the execution of a Search and Seizure Warrant. More than \$1,000.00 in "crack" cocaine, \$1,000.00 in power cocaine, two digital scales, \$1,200.00 in cash, 20 ecstasy pills (valued at \$500.00) and a quantity of marijuana were recovered. Multiple felony charges are pending a State's Attorney's Office review.

Vice/Narcotics Detectives received information that Keith Brown, age 20 of Lexington Park, was selling cocaine in the Lexington Park area. As the investigation progressed, a Search and Seizure Warrant was obtained and executed. Cocaine and a handgun were recovered. Additional charges are pending.

Kenneth Aloysius Hall was indicted by Vice/Narcotics Detectives after a marijuana grow operation was discovered inside his Callaway home. He was charged with Possession With Intent to Distribute and Manufacturing Marijuana.

While off-duty, Captain D. Alioto conducted a vehicle stop in the Drayden area and identified Robert Stanley Whalen, age 46 of Drayden, as the operator of the vehicle. Whalen was operating with a suspended license. He was arrested and a search revealed a metal canister that contained cocaine.

On April 1, 2010, Deputy G. Knott responded to Walmart in California for a reported theft. Deputy Knott learned Anthony S. Thirouin, age 25 of California, was observed by a store employee attempting to leave the business without paying for merchandise. When confronted, Thirouin was found in possession of a Power Wheels 12-volt battery for which he had not paid. Thirouin was arrested, charged with Theft Under \$100.00 and released to the custody of the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending an appearance before the District Court Commissioner.

On April 2, 2010, Deputy B. Foor responded to a noise complaint within a residential neighborhood in Mechanicsville. While investigating the noise complaint, Deputy Foor stopped a Honda passenger vehicle which had been described as possibly involved. During the stop, Deputy Foor observed drug paraphernalia (smoking device) in plain view. A search of the vehicle revealed a second smoking device in the passenger compartment along with a quantity of suspected marijuana. The vehicle operator, Edward E. Moore, age 20 of Mechanicsville, was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Marijuana.

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