



MEDIA RELEASE

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St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for April 12, 2010

On April 2, 2010, Deputy M. Green responded to Target in California for a report of a theft. Deputy Green learned Joseph P. Ellis, age 30 of no fixed address, and Bradley L. Hall, age 32 of Drayden, entered the business, placed merchandise in a cart (electronic games, gaming systems and automotive supplies) and attempted to exit without paying for the merchandise. Ellis was confronted by store staff at which time Ellis assaulted a store employee and fled the scene with Hall. Sheriff's Office Units located the suspects leaving the area in a white Ford, stopped the vehicle and arrested both occupants (Ellis and Hall). Ellis and Hall were charged with Theft Under \$1,000.00. Ellis was also charged with assaulting the Target employee. Ellis and Hall were released to the custody of the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending an appearance before the District Court Commissioner.

On April 4, 2010, a citizen reported a motorcycle operating in a reckless manner in the area of Route 235 and Chancellors Run Road. The motorcycle was located by Captain D. Alioto who initiated a traffic stop on Great Mills Road at Jay Dee Court. The vehicle operator was identified as Gerald H. Jameson, age 51 of Great Mills. Jameson was found to have been drinking alcohol and in the possession of suspected marijuana. Deputy R. Kampf arrested Jameson for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Operating a Motor Vehicle While Revoked and Possession of Marijuana. He was released to the custody of the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending an appearance before the District Court Commissioner.

On April 4, 2010 at 2200 hours, Deputy C. Dodson was patrolling the Town Creek neighborhood when he observed a vehicle in the parking lot of the elementary school. Deputy Dodson entered onto the school grounds to investigate the vehicle and made contact with two juvenile males. While speaking with the juveniles, Deputy Dodson observed a quantity of suspected marijuana in plain view within the vehicle. One of the juveniles, a 15-year-old male of California, was determined to be in possession of the suspected marijuana. The juvenile male was arrested, charged with Possession of Marijuana and released to the custody of his parent.

On April 4, 2010, Corporal J. Logalbo responded to a residence in California for a reported assault. Corporal Logalbo learned Vernon L. Hughes, age 47 of Lexington Park, assaulted his wife causing visible signs of injury. Hughes 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 April 5, 2010, Deputy A. Perkins responded to a home in Hollywood for a reported theft. As her investigation progressed, information was received that the suspect may be

involved in the manufacturing of marijuana inside his home. Vice/Narcotics Detectives responded and assumed the investigation. Detectives made contact with the suspect, Frederick Charles Rupertis III, a.k.a. "Bud", age 44 of Hollywood, and he became irate. He attempted to retreat into the home and was taken into custody. A Search and Seizure Warrant was obtained and executed on the home. A small amount of suspected cocaine was recovered along with 35 marijuana plants which were in various states of cultivation. Also located were several checks and the victim's checkbook that was secreted inside a tool pouch within the home. The suspect was charged with Hindering and felony drug charges. Felony Theft charges are pending. The suspect was paroled in January 2010 and remains in that probationary status.

Vice/Narcotics Detectives received information that a subject was selling cocaine in the Ridge area. As the investigation continued, the suspect was identified as John Alexander Hebb, a.k.a. "Apple Jack", age 56 of Lexington Park. A Search Warrant was obtained for his person and he was found to be in possession of cocaine and he was charged accordingly. Additional charges are pending.

Patrick Dwight Evans was identified through various means by Vice/Narcotics Detectives as a distributor of marijuana in the Hollywood area. Undercover purchases of marijuana were conducted. A review by State's Attorney Richard D. Fritz led to several Grand Jury Indictments being handed down in the form of Arrest Warrants. Evans was arrested and originally held without bail.

Information was forwarded to the Vice/Narcotics Division that there was a large-scale drug paraphernalia operation being conducted at the Farmer's Market. Undercover officers responded and observed a suspect selling smoking devices. Detectives seized the following: 21 bongs, 68 glass smoking devices (for marijuana), 144 metal smoking devices (for marijuana), 38 glass smoking devices (for crack cocaine), 35 ceramic smoking devices (for marijuana), 12 glass smoking devices (for marijuana), 80 small glass vials (for cocaine/PCP), 10 digital scales, 4 finger scales, 12 marijuana wooden smoking devices with 12 related wooden storage boxes, 18 marijuana grinders, a multiple user pink bong, gas mask bong, boxes of copper screens and thousands of small jeweler-style bags. The total value was nearly \$6,500.00. Charges are pending a case review with State's Attorney Richard D. Fritz.

Detectives from the Vice/Narcotics Division responded to citizen complaints of possible illegal gambling at a Charlotte Hall Restaurant. As the investigation proceeded, it was confirmed that four electronic gaming devices were being offered to the public for use within the confines of the restaurant and bar areas. A Search and Seizure Warrant was obtained and executed April 8, 2010 at approximately 0700 hours at the St. Mary's Landing Restaurant. Vice/Narcotics Detectives seized approximately \$12,000.00 in cash, four electronic gaming devices and ledgers and documents that support the charges of illegal gambling. A case review will be conducted with State's Attorney Richard D. Fritz and charges are pending.

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