



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for April 19, 2010**

On April 10, 2010, Deputy First Class J. Maletto responded to the Kohl's in Lexington Park for a reported theft. Deputy First Class Maletto learned Jolie M. Allen, age 31 of Lexington Park, and Trisha K. Jones, age 33 of Lexington Park, were observed by store staff concealing merchandise. Allen and Jones were confronted by store employees and merchandise belonging to the business was recovered from both subjects. Allen and Jones were both charged on Criminal Citations for Theft Under \$1,000.00.

On April 10, 2010, Deputy C. Ellis responded to a residence on Lexington Park for an assault. Deputy Ellis learned Steven W. Mason Jr., age 22 of Lexington Park, assaulted his girlfriend (victim) during an argument. Mason 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 10, 2010, Deputy G. Knott responded to the intersection of Flat Iron Road and Michelle Drive for a reported single vehicle accident. While investigating the accident, Deputy Knott observed a pipe with suspected marijuana residue in plain view in the vehicle. The single occupant/operator Garran L. Oconnor, age 20 of Tall Timbers, was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia. He was released to the custody of the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending an appearance before the District Court Commissioner.

On April 10, 2010, Deputy First Class T. Reese responded to an assault at a residence in Lexington Park. Deputy First Class Reese learned Gwendolyn L. Fenwick, age 46 of Lexington Park, assaulted her roommate during an argument causing visible signs of injury. Fenwick 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 10, 2010, Deputy First Class T. Reese responded to Belk in California for a theft. Deputy First Class Reese learned, Akhilesh K. Saxena, age 61 of Lexington Park, was observed by store staff attempting to exit the business with unpaid merchandise. Saxena was confronted and merchandise belonging to the business valued at under \$100.00 was recovered. Saxena was charged on a Criminal Citation for Theft Under \$100.00.

On April 11, 2010, Deputy M. Boyer responded to the Food Lion Store in California for a theft. Deputy Boyer learned Dorthea R. Thurmon, age 31 of Lexington Park, was observed by store staff concealing merchandise in a bag. Thurmon was confronted and several items

belonging to the business were recovered having a value of less than \$100.00. Thurmon was charged on a Criminal Citation for Theft Under \$100.00.

The Bureau of Criminal Investigations received information that registered child sex offender James Patrick Payne, age 26, was not residing at his listed address on Yowaiski Mill Road in Mechanicsville. An investigation conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Investigations Special Victims Unit revealed Payne was staying at a residence on Old Village Road in Mechanicsville. On April 12, 2010, Payne was apprehended as he was leaving the residence on Old Village Road and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center. Payne was charged with one count of Registered Sex Offender Failing to Notify Authorities of Change of Address.

On April 12, 2010, Deputy R. Kampf responded to the Walmart in California for a theft. Deputy Kampf learned Deborah J. Laquay, age 49 of Lexington Park, was observed by store staff concealing merchandise in her purse. When Lequay exited the store, she was confronted and merchandise belonging to the business (cat food and cough medicine) was recovered. Laquay was charged on a Criminal Citation for Theft Under \$100.00.

On April 12, 2010, Deputy First Class C. Dodson located Clayton T. Dixon Jr., age 29 of Lexington Park, who was wanted for a violation of probation. While serving the warrant, Deputy First Class Dodson discovered Dixon was at a residence in violation of a protective order. Dixon was served the warrant for the Violation of Probation, charged with Violating the Protective Order and released to the custody of the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending an appearance before the District Court Commissioner.

On April 12, 2010 at 0522 hours, a lookout was broadcast for a stolen vehicle reportedly taken from a residential driveway in Lexington Park. Deputy K. Flerlage observed the vehicle (a 1994 Chevrolet Blazer) northbound on Three Notch Road at Chancellors Run Road. The vehicle was followed and eventually stopped on Route 4 in the area of Oak Drive. The two occupants were identified as Upton Lewis Crosby (passenger), age 25 of Huntingtown, and Joshua Joseph Yates (operator), age 21 of Lexington Park. Both subjects were arrested and charged with Theft Over \$1,000.00, Burglary to a Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Theft.

On April 13, 2010, Corporal B. Connelly responded to a residence in Mechanicsville for a possible Protective Order violation. Upon arrival, Corporal Connelly found Joseph P. Ellis, age 30 of no fixed address, on the property in violation of an order issued by Judge Gregory Wells. Ellis was arrested, charged with Violating the Order and released to the custody of the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending an appearance before the District Court Commissioner.

On April 14, 2010, during regular compliance checks of Registered Sex Offenders, Detectives from the Bureau of Criminal Investigations Sex Offender Registry Unit discovered Alexander Holly Gough, age 50, had moved from his address on Yorktown Road in Lexington Park to 21638 Great Mills Road, Apt. 26, Lexington Park. Gough failed to notify the Sex Offender Registry Unit of an address change within five days as required and was subsequently charged accordingly. Gough was incarcerated in the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending a hearing before the District Court Commissioner.

On April 14, 2010, Deputy First Class J. Grusholt responded to a residence on Winding Way in Lexington Park for a disturbance. Upon arrival, Deputy First Class Grusholt encountered Doris E. Thomas, age 44 of no fixed address, standing outside yelling profanities. Thomas, who had been encountered earlier in the evening on Australia Drive causing a similar disturbance, was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct.

On April 15, 2010, Deputy T. Reese responded to a residence in Lexington Park for a reported assault. Deputy Reese learned Nicholas L. Bowen, age 23 of Lexington Park, became involved in an argument with his girlfriend. During the argument, Bowen assaulted the

victim/girlfriend causing visible signs of injury. Bowen was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On April 15, 2010, Deputy First Class S. Ruest responded to a residence on Great Mills Road in Lexington Park for a reported assault. Deputy First Class Ruest learned John J. Viland was involved in an argument with his wife which escalated to a physical confrontation causing visible signs of injury to the victim/wife. Viland was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On April 16, 2010, Deputy B. Foor stopped a 1997 Dodge Caravan on Valley Drive in Lexington Park for a traffic violation. While investigating the traffic infraction, Deputy Foor observed the operator, Sean D. Yates, age 36 of Hollywood, toss an envelope under his vehicle. Further investigation revealed Yates had a quantity of suspected marijuana on his person and the discarded envelope contained suspected marijuana. Yates was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana.

On April 16, 2010, Deputy First Class S. Ruest responded to the Lexington Park Exxon for a reported assault. Upon arrival, he found Adella M. Ackerman, age 42 of no fixed address, yelling at the male victim/boyfriend. Deputy First Class Ruest learned Ackerman and the victim became involved in an argument which escalated to a physical assault with the male victim sustaining visible injury. Ackerman was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

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