



MEDIA RELEASE

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St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for May 3, 2010

On April 23, 2010, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police and Calvert County Sheriff's Office conducted a Border-to-Border Sobriety Check Point in the area of Route 4 and the base of the Thomas Johnson Bridge in California. Five hundred ninety-eight (598) vehicles passed through the St. Mary's County Check Point during its operation. Seven vehicle operators were further checked for impairment, no arrests were made for D.W.I. One driver was charged for Driving on a Suspended Driver's License.

On April 23, 2010, Deputy First Class S. Ruest responded to the J.C. Penney Store in California for a report of a theft. Deputy First Class Ruest contacted the store's loss prevention officer and was advised that Michael Leonard Semiklose, age 24 of Mechanicsville, entered the store, reached behind a register counter and removed a store bag. Semiklose then walked throughout the store and placed several items into the bag. Semiklose passed all points of purchase and attempted to leave the store without paying for the items. The loss prevention officer stopped and detained Semiklose until Deputy First Class Ruest arrived. Semiklose was arrested and charged with Theft Less Than \$1,000.00.

On April 23, 2010, Deputy N. Chimko-Fahey stopped Melissa Jean Redman, age 27 of Lexington Park, for operating a motor vehicle in a suspicious manner. Redman kept stopping and starting her vehicle in the middle of the roadway. Redman's vehicle was stopped at the intersection of Great Mills Road and Jay Dee Court in Lexington Park. The vehicle displayed North Carolina registration. A computer check of the vehicle's registration indicated the registration was stolen from North Carolina. Redman was arrested and charged with Theft and Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle.

The St. Mary's County Bureau of Criminal Investigations Sex Offender Registry Unit, along with the Department of Parole and Probation State Police, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Patrol and Special Operations Division conducted sex offender compliance checks from April 22 through April 24, 2010. One hundred-twenty (120) compliance checks were conducted over a period of four days. No violations were observed.

On April 24, 2010, Deputy T. Seyfried responded to a residence in California for a report of a domestic assault. The investigation revealed Catherine Alicia Taylor, age 25 of California, was in a verbal dispute with the victim which escalated into a physical assault when Taylor grabbed the victim by the arm causing a bruise. Taylor was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On April 24, 2010, Deputy First Class S. Ruest responded to a residence in Lexington Park for a report of a trespassing. The investigation revealed Sharon Denade Thomas, age 47 of Lexington Park, was in a verbal dispute with the victim which escalated into a physical assault when Thomas grabbed the victim by the arm and dragged him out of the house. Thomas was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On April 24, 2010, Deputy R. Kampf responded to a broadcast of a possible assault occurring in a vehicle. The vehicle was heading southbound on Route 235 near Joy Lane. The vehicle was located and stopped. The investigation revealed Joseph N.M.N. Eckloff, age 27 of Hollywood, was in a verbal dispute with the victim which escalated into a physical assault when Eckloff struck the victim in the chest. The assault was witnessed by another motorist who was traveling along side the victim's vehicle. Eckloff was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On April 26, 2010 at approximately 1726 hours, deputies responded to the area of Budds Creek Road and Chaptico Park in Budds Creek for a reported serious motor vehicle collision. The investigation revealed vehicle #1, a 2007 Ford F-150 pick-up operated by Alford Worton, age 43 of Leonardtown, was traveling eastbound on Budds Creek Road in the area of Chaptico Park. Vehicle #2, a 2007 Dodge Caravan, operated by Brenda Bouch, age 37 of Mechanicsville, was also eastbound on Budds Creek Road waiting for westbound traffic to clear to turn left into Chaptico Park. Vehicle #1 collided with the rear of a Vehicle #2. Vehicle #1 then crossed the center line and struck Vehicle #3, a 2001 GMC Sierra 2500 pick-up truck, operated by Wendy Adkins, age 38 of Welcome, which was traveling westbound on Budds Creek Road. The impact of Vehicle #1 and Vehicle #3 resulted in Vehicle #3 catching fire. Bouch was not transported to the hospital. Adkins was transported to St Mary's Hospital. Worton was transported to St Mary's Hospital, where on April 27, 2010 at approximately 0500 hours, he succumbed to injuries sustained as result of the motor collision. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Team has assumed and is continuing the investigation. At this time, there is no indication speed, alcohol or drugs were contributing factors in the collision. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Corporal B. Connelly at 301-475-4200 x9010.

On April 27, 2010, Corporal J. Somerville responded to a residence of Oakley Road in Avenue for a report of a violation of a Peace Order. The investigation revealed Jackie Lynn Ryon Adkins, age 60 of Leonardtown, was served on February 26, 2010 with a Peace Order, which is currently still in effect, prohibiting Adkins from contacting the petitioner of the order by any means. On April 27, 2010, Adkins twice attempted to contact the petitioner by telephone. Adkins was charged with Violating the Conditions of a Peace Order.

On April 27, 2010, Corporal P. Handy was conducting a patrol check at the end of South Coral Drive near Salamula Drive in Lexington Park when he encountered Albert Oliver Gilgore III, age 22 of Patuxent River, sitting on a bench under a pavilion. As Corporal Handy approached Gilgore, Corporal Handy could smell an odor of burnt marijuana. Further investigation revealed Gilgore was in possession of suspected marijuana and a smoking device used to ingest controlled dangerous substances. Gilgore was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (suspected marijuana) and Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia.

On April 28, 2010, a St. Mary's County Grand Jury issued an indictment for Royal Franklin Kessick III, age 48 of Niles, Michigan, for Motor Vehicle Manslaughter, Negligent Driving, Failure to Drive Right of Center, and Failure to Drive Within a Single Lane in Connection with a Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision which occurred on July 11, 2009. Kessick was driving his motor vehicle northbound on Three Notch Road near Park Hall Road. He crossed the center line and drove onto the southbound shoulder where he struck Hugo Gonzalez, age 44 of St. Leonard, who was riding a bicycle. Gonzalez died at the scene from injuries sustained in the collision.

On April 28, 2010, Corporal M. Smolarsky responded to the Carter Building in Leonardtown to serve a warrant on Daniel K. Douglas, age 19 of Mechanicsville. Corporal Smolarsky encountered Douglas at the Office of Parole and Probation inside the Carter Building. While attempting to arrest Douglas, he resisted, assaulted Corporal Smolarsky and fled the building. Deputy M. Campbell and Corporal Smolarsky pursued Douglas who was apprehended in the parking lot after a brief struggle. Douglas was charged with two counts of Assault on a Police Officer (he assaulted Corporal Smolarsky during initial contact and Deputy Campbell during a struggle in the parking lot), Resisting Arrest and was served a Warrant for a Probation Violation.

On April 28, 2010, Deputy First Class M. George responded to a residence in Leonardtown for an assault. Deputy First Class George learned Steven M. Fink, age 32 of Leonardtown, became involved in an argument with his wife (victim). The argument turned physical and the victim was assaulted causing visible signs of injury. Fink was charged with Second Degree Assault and released to the custody of the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending an appearance before the District Court Commissioner.

On April 28, 2010, Deputy First Class A. Whipkey and Sergeant H. Young were investigating a suspicious person in the parking lot of Big Lots in Lexington Park. During the investigation, Walter R. Hairston, age 54 of Lexington Park, was identified by an employee of Big Lots as panhandling outside the business. Hairston was advised to leave the area and not to return however, he failed to heed the direction given and returned to Big Lots. Hairston was arrested by Deputy First Class Whipkey, charged with Trespassing and released to the St. Mary's County Detention Center pending an appearance before the District Court Commissioner.

On April 28, 2010, Deputy T. Seyfried stopped to check on a motorist who was stopped on the shoulder of Point Lookout Road in Great Mills. As the operator, Javonte M. Boddie, age 22 of Fort Washington, was exiting his vehicle, he dropped a baggie of suspected marijuana. Boddie was arrested and a further search of the vehicle revealed additional suspected marijuana within the passenger compartment. Boddie was charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of 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 28, 2010, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office received information from the St. Mary's County Public Schools regarding a suspected child abuse involving a former student of Margaret Brent Middle School. Detectives from the St. Mary's County Bureau of Criminal Investigations Special Victim's Unit assumed the investigation and determined that beginning in April 2009 through March 2010, Jason Paul Hollinger, age 36 of Lusby, a teacher at Margaret Brent Middle School, engaged in sexual conduct with a fourteen-year-old female victim, whom he had taught during last school year, but was no longer a student at the school. All incidents occurred off of school property. Detectives arrested Hollinger at his home on April 30, 2010. Hollinger was charged with one count of Child Sexual Abuse, and two counts of Fourth Degree Sex Offense. He is currently being held in the St. Mary's County Detention Center on a \$100,000.00 bond.

On April 29, 2010, Deputy First Class S. Ruest responded to the CVS in Lexington Park for a theft. Deputy First Class Ruest learned Willie Sheldon Miller, age 43 of no fixed address, entered the business, used a bottle of deodorant and then returned it to the display shelf. While still in the store, Miller approached a customer/victim and rubbed her body with his hand without their consent. Miller who had left the business prior to the arrival of law enforcement was located in the vicinity of the business and arrested. Miller was charged with Second Degree Assault, Fourth Degree Sex Offense and Theft Under \$100.00.

On April 29, 2010, Deputy First Class M. George responded to J.C. Penney in California for a theft. Deputy First Class George learned Jasmine A. Wilkins, age 19 of Valley Lee, was observed by store staff concealing merchandise in her purse. Wilkins was confronted upon

leaving the store and merchandise totaling \$124.00 was recovered. Wilkins was charged on a Criminal Citation for Theft Under \$1,000.00 and released.

On April 29, 2010, Deputy First Class T. Reese responded to the Lowe's Store in California for a theft. Deputy First Class Reese learned Michael Wayne Dement, age 53 of Callaway, was observed by store staff removing merchandise from the business totaling \$836.69. Dement was also found to be in possession of a smoking device with suspected cocaine residue. Dement was charged with Theft Under \$1,000.00, Possession of Cocaine and Possession of 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 29, 2010, Deputy First Class S. Ruest responded to a residence in Hollywood for an assault. Deputy First Class Ruest learned Catherine Marie Jones, age 46 of Hollywood, became involved in an argument with her husband/victim. The argument became physical and the victim sustained visible signs of injury. Jones was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

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