



MEDIA RELEASE

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St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for May 17, 2010

On May 6, 2010, Corporal J. Kirkner responded to a residence on Wheeler Road in Lexington Park for a report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, Corporal Kirkner made contact with the victim who reported he and Carla Rachele Dyson, age 21 of Lexington Park, were involved in a verbal dispute which escalated into a physical confrontation when Dyson attempted to grab a steak knife. The victim attempted to restrain Dyson but Dyson was able to free herself and grab the knife. Dyson then chased the victim throughout the residence attempting to stab him with the knife. The victim was able to flee Dyson's attack. Dyson eventually gave up the chase and put the knife down prior to Corporal Kirkner's arrival. The assault was witnessed by other individuals inside of the residence. Dyson was arrested and charged with First and Second Degree Assault.

Vice/Narcotics Detectives conducted a three-day operation that targeted indicted and active drug distributors. Detectives were assisted by the United States Marshal Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Team, Patrol Deputies, K-9 Division and Vice/Narcotics Support Team members. "Operation May Flower" began on May 6 and concluded on May 8, 2010.

A Search and Seizure Warrant was executed on a Hollywood residence as a result of an investigation into the distribution of phencyclidine (PCP). A search of the home revealed PCP, PCP-laced tobacco and related paraphernalia. Francis Michael Barnes, age 52 of Hollywood, was arrested and charged accordingly. Additional charges are pending a review with State's Attorney Richard D. Fritz.

During the course of a drug investigation and search for a wanted suspect, Vice/Narcotics Detectives responded to the area of Independence Drive in Mechanicsville. Once on the scene there were several suspects that attempted to elude officers. Detectives recovered nearly \$10,000.00 worth of cocaine. The cocaine was in both "crack" and powder form. Also recovered was \$2,300.00 in cash. Arrested was Eric Maurice Chase, age 19 of Callaway, GERALD Anthony Holt Jr., age 19 of Mechanicsville, Calvin Jermaine Young, age 32 of Mechanicsville, and Gregory Tryman Shingles a.k.a. "69", age 24 of Mechanicsville. Additional charges are pending an additional State's Attorney review.

Information was received that there was a marijuana distribution point in Leonardtown. As the information was verified and the investigation continued, Benjamin John Lilly, age 21, was confirmed as being involved. A Grand Jury Indictment was obtained in the form of a warrant for Lilly. Detectives located Lilly operating a vehicle in the Leonardtown area and a vehicle stop was conducted. He was placed under arrest and \$2,000.00 worth of marijuana and \$1,500.00 in cash

was located on his person. A second group of Detectives were assisted by the St. Mary's County Emergency Services Team and executed a Search and Seizure Warrant on Lilly's Leonardtown home. An additional \$800.00 worth of marijuana, \$6,600.00 in cash, scales and electronics were seized. The electronics were valued at nearly \$3,000.00. Jeffrey Brandon Junge, age 21, was arrested on the scene and additional charges against him and Lilly are pending. While officers searched the home, Richard Lee Mattingly, age 22 of Dameron, arrived on the scene and was found to have marijuana on his person.

A Search Warrant was executed on a California home related to marijuana distribution. Arrested were Brian Edward Simpson, age 37, and Craig Stephen Bretscher, age 44, for Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Cocaine and Paraphernalia. Scales and packaging materials were also located. Additional charges are pending a review with State's Attorney Richard D. Fritz.

Kese Eman Lyles, age 29 of Lexington Park, has been identified as a distributor of marijuana. He was recently arrested for Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Distribute. While that indictment was being served, Lyles was again found to be in possession of marijuana with a quantity indicative of that with the intent to distribute. Lyles was again indicted. Detectives again arrested Lyles and he was found to be in possession of marijuana and was charged accordingly. A Search Warrant was executed on a vehicle that was operated by Lindsey Catherine Decker, age 20 of Hollywood. Decker was identified as being part of Lyles' distribution network. A search of the vehicle and her home revealed marijuana, a handgun and additional related paraphernalia. Shaun Michael Cook, age 22 of Hollywood, was arrested at the residence. Additional charges are pending a State's Attorney review related to multiple suspects.

Joseph Kenneth Abell Jr., age 43 of Hollywood, was arrested and charged with Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Marijuana. Abell was found to be in possession of these items when he encountered detectives during a drug investigation. Additional charges are pending.

The following persons were arrested for felony Grand Jury indictments. These charges were for Distribution and Possession With the Intent to Distribute Various Controlled Dangerous Substances.

- Jamie Marie Stroud, age 26 of Mechanicsville, for two counts of Distribution of Morphine
- Joseph Michael Defilippo, age 22 of Mechanicsville, for Distribution of Prescription Medication
- Tanya Anita Hall, age 33 of Lexington Park, for Possession With Intent to Distribute Marijuana
- Jeffrey Kirk Berry a.k.a. "Kojak", age 51 of Lexington Park, for Possession of Cocaine With the Intent to Distribute and Conspiring to Distribute Cocaine
- Samuel Tony Bryant Jr., age 23 of Lexington Park, was arrested on six separate warrants. Failure to Appear on two Assault charges, one Attempted Armed Robbery, Property Destruction, one Child Support Warrant and one warrant for Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Distribute.
- Jonathan Lamar Butler, age 22 of Mechanicsville, for Possession of Cocaine With the Intent to Distribute
- Scott Henry Ebelke, age 39 of Mechanicsville, for Manufacturing Marijuana

- James Roshawn Garrett, age 28 of Hollywood, for Distribution of Cocaine, Possession of a Handgun, and Transporting a Handgun While Trafficking Drugs
- Twyhanda Dwanae Gough, age 32 Lexington Park, for Distribution of Marijuana
- Andrew Mark Hamlet, age 28 Mechanicsville, for two counts of Distribution of Cocaine
- Daniel Thomas Hayden, age 56 of Mechanicsville, for two counts of Possession With Intent to Distribute Prescription Medication
- Joseph Knott, age 24 of Lexington Park, for Distribution of Marijuana
- Michael Joseph Miles II, age 22 of California, for Distribution of Heroin, Conspiring to Distribute Heroin
- John Frederick Miller III, age 45 of California, for Distribution of Cocaine
- Craig Wesley Norton, age 39 Lexington Park, for Possession With Intent to Distribute Oxycodone
- Michael Winfield Proctor, age 52 of Lexington Park, for Distribution of Cocaine
- Lester Marvel Scriber, age 38 of Callaway, for Distribution of Cocaine
- Heather Renee Smith, age 26 of Mechanicsville, for Conspiring to Distribute Oxycodone
- Jamar Tercell Somerville a.k.a. "Fatty", age 18 of Lexington Park, for Possession With Intent to Distribute Marijuana and Possession of Handgun While Trafficking Drugs. The recovered handgun in this case was stolen.
- Michael Shane Swales, age 37 of California, for Distribution of Cocaine
- Woody Nathaniel Ward a.k.a. "Big", age 33 of Mechanicsville, for Possession of Cocaine With the Intent to Distribute
- Randy Allysius Wathen, age 21 of Leonardtown, for Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Distribute
- James Nathaniel Watkins, age 26 of Great Mills, for Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Distribute and Possession of a Handgun While Trafficking Drugs
- Raisa Jakell White, age 23 of Lexington Park, for Introducing Controlled Dangerous Substances into a Correctional Facility
- Demetrius Anthony Williams, age 21 of Great Mills, for Possession With Intent to Distribute Marijuana
- Anthony Marquel Woodard, age 29 of Lexington Park, for Distribution of Cocaine
- John Wendell Young, age 36 of Lexington Park, for two counts of Possession With Intent to Distribute Cocaine
- Chester "Leroy" Young, age 45 of Lexington Park, for Distribution of Cocaine
- Joseph Francis Yates, a.k.a. "Jo Jo", age 51 of Mechanicsville, for Distribution of Cocaine

As several cases were concluded, so was the investigation into illegal gambling at the St. Mary's Landing Restaurant. William Douglas Hill Jr., age 72 of Mechanicsville, and Roger Lee Benfield, age 61 of Mechanicsville, were charged with several gaming and gambling violations.

Joseph Earl Bush, age 37 of Lexington Park, was indicted by Vice/Narcotics Detectives and subsequently arrested. Bush was charged with Distribution of Cocaine and Conspiring to Distribute Cocaine. He is currently being held without bond awaiting a hearing in the Circuit Court.

On May 7, 2010 Deputy First S. Class Cathcart responded to the St. Mary's County Detention Center for a report of a controlled dangerous substance violation. The investigation revealed Kevin Bryan Wright, age 25 of California, reported to the detention center to begin serving his court ordered sentence. Per St. Mary's County Detention Center Intake and Booking Policy, Wright was searched. As a result of the search, Correctional Officer J. Krum discovered a controlled dangerous substance (Ambien) concealed on Wright's person. Wright was charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance While Confined in a Place of Confinement.

On May 8, 2010 at approximately 2050 hours, Deputy R. Kampf was on patrol in the Golden Beach area of Mechanicsville when he observed two vehicles parked in the entrance of Small Beach Park. The parks area of Golden Beach close at sunset and trespassing is prohibited. As Deputy Kampf was approaching the vehicles to investigate he observed a clear plastic baggie containing suspected marijuana in the center console of one of the parked vehicles. Stephen Eric Gross, age 19 of Mechanicsville, was the owner of the vehicle. Gross was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, marijuana. Search incident to the arrest revealed a smoking device used to consume controlled dangerous substances. Gross was also charged with Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia.

On May 9, 2010, Deputy First Class S. Ruest responded to the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) in Lexington Park for a report of a disturbance. The investigation revealed Donald Wayne Norris, age 23 of no fixed address, had been harassing an employee of the establishment. Norris had been in a relationship with the employee/victim which had ended. The victim's current boyfriend witnessed Norris damage the victim's vehicle which was parked in the parking lot of IHOP. Norris initially fled the scene but then returned shortly after Deputy First Class Ruest arrived on the scene. Further investigation revealed over the last three to four months Norris has repeatedly called the victim's cell phone to harass her. The victim told Norris numerous times to stop calling but Norris refused. Norris was also leaving threatening messages on the victim's cell phone stating he was going to kill her and her current boyfriend. Norris has also been showing up at the victim's place of employment. The victim told Deputy First Class Ruest she was scared of Norris. Norris was arrested and charged with Stalking, Telephone Misuse, Harassment and Destruction of Property.

On March 29, 2010, Inmate Michael Thomas Collins of Mechanicsville walked away from the Anchor Program in Charlotte Hall. Collins was serving two consecutive eighteen-month sentences for a Second Degree Assault conviction. Detectives from the Bureau of Criminal Investigations assumed the investigation. An Arrest Warrant was immediately issued for Collins charging him with Second Degree Escape. On May 7, 2010, information was received from an anonymous source indicating Collins was currently residing in Hampshire County, West Virginia. West Virginia State Police were contacted, provided the information and on May 8, 2010, Collins was arrested in Romney, West Virginia without incident. Collins is currently incarcerated in West Virginia pending extradition back to St. Mary's County.

On April 29, 2010, a Protective Order was issued and served on Burton Cooper Rogers III, age 43 of Hollywood. The Protective Order ordered Rogers not to harass the petitioner of the order. The order is in effect until October 29, 2010. On May 10, 2010, the petitioner reported she

was in the parking lot of Leonardtown Middle School where she was contacted and harassed by Rogers. Rogers was arrested and charged with Violating the Conditions of the Protective Order.

On May 11, 2010, Deputy N. Chimko-Fahey responded to a residence on Darcy Lane in Great Mills for a report of a domestic assault in progress. The investigation revealed Angie Sheree Porter, age 31 of Lexington Park, was engaged in a verbal argument which escalated into a physical assault when Porter attempted to stab the victim with a pen. Porter was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On May 11, 2010, Deputy M. Green responded to Belk Department Store for a report of a theft and assault. The investigation revealed Anita Louise Schriver, age 29 of Leonardtown, had taken several items from the store, concealed them on her person, walked past all points of purchase and attempted to leave the store without paying for the items. Schriver was stopped by Belk's Loss Prevention Officers and escorted to the store's loss prevention office. Once inside the office, Schriver asked the loss prevention officers if they were going to contact the police. When Schriver was told that the police would be contacted, Schriver struck the officers and attempted to flee the store. Schriver was restrained and detained by the loss prevention officers until Deputy Green arrived on the scene and arrested Schriver. Schriver was charged with Theft Less Than \$1,000.00 and two counts of Second Degree Assault.

On May 11, 2010, Deputy W. Thompson responded to Darcy Lane in Great Mills for a report of a domestic disturbance. While Deputy Thompson was attempting to conduct his investigation, Kristina Nicole Willis, age 20 of no fixed address, became upset and stated she was going to assault the victim because she had no place to go. Deputy Thompson was escorting the victim back inside the residence to complete the paperwork for the investigation when Willis charged towards the victim and attempted to assault him. Deputy Thompson intervened and arrested Willis. Willis was charged with Obstructing and Hindering a Police Investigation.

On May 11, 2010, Corporal Somerville responded to Three Notch Road in Mechanicsville for a report of a domestic assault. The investigation revealed Gail Lynn Winfield, age 46 of Mechanicsville, was engaged in a verbal dispute which escalated into a physical assault when Winfield threw a ceramic candle holder at the victim, striking her in the foot causing two minor lacerations. Winfield was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On May 11, 2010, Deputy E. Croyle was patrolling the area of Millison Plaza in Lexington Park when she observed an occupied vehicle park outside of a closed business. Deputy Croyle investigated and was told by the occupants that they were waiting for a friend to return to the vehicle but could not give any consistent information concerning the friend's whereabouts. As Deputy Croyle was conducting her investigation, Andrew Jack Myers, age 19 of Lexington Park, approached the vehicle. Further investigation revealed Myers was in possession a controlled dangerous substance, suspected crack cocaine. Myers was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance.

On May 12, 2010, Deputy N. Chimko-Fahey responded to Franklin Road in Lexington Park for a warrant service. Deputy Chimko-Fahey was in possession of two Arrest Warrants for Joshua Joseph Yates, age 20 of Lexington Park, one for Possession of Marijuana and the other for Motor Vehicle Theft. Prior to arriving at the Franklin Road address, Deputy Chimko-Fahey received information from one of the owner's of the residence that Yates was inside the residence. Upon arrival to the residence, she was met by Mark Joseph Thompson, age 46 of Lexington Park. Thompson was the other owner of the Franklin Road residence. Deputy Chimko-Fahey explained to Thompson that she was in possession of Arrest Warrants for Yates and that she understood Yates was inside the residence. Thompson denied Yates being inside the residence and refused Deputy Chimko-Fahey entry. Deputy Chimko-Fahey explained to Thompson that he could be charged with Harboring a Fugitive and Hindering an Investigation if he knowingly permitted a wanted subject to hide from the police inside of the residence. Thompson repeatedly refused Deputy Chimko-Fahey entrance into the residence denying Yates'

presence there. While on the scene the other owner of the residence arrived and allowed Deputy Chimko-Fahey into the residence. Yates was located inside of the residence and arrested on the open warrants. Thompson was arrested for Harboring a Fugitive and Obstructing and Hindering an Investigation.

On May 12, 2010, Deputy P. Bowen responded to a residence on Norris Street in Leonardtown for a report of an assault. The investigation revealed Coretta Pamela Thompson, age 28 of Leonardtown, was involved in a verbal dispute with the victim which escalated into a physical assault when Thompson grabbed a kitchen knife and swung it several times at the victim. The victim was able to defend himself against the assault and remove the knife from Thompson; however, he received two minor lacerations as a result of the assault. Thompson was arrested and charged with First Degree Assault.

On May 13, 2010, the Bureau of Criminal Investigations received information from an anonymous citizen that two suspects, Giuseppe Clopper from Hollywood and John Clopper III from Lexington Park, were planning to burglarize a business in the Dameron area of St. Mary's County. On May 14, 2010, Bureau of Criminal Investigations Detectives made contact with the business owner who confirmed that 60-100 used batteries, valued between \$600.00-\$800.00 had been stolen from the business. A premise check was conducted at Giuseppe Clopper's residence and a truck loaded with stolen batteries was recovered. Both suspects were interviewed by Bureau of Criminal Investigations Detectives and confessed to stealing the batteries from the business. The suspects were transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center and charged with Theft Under \$1000.00; related charges are pending a State's Attorney Review.

On May 14, 2010, Corporal J. Molitor responded to a residence in Lexington Park in reference to a violation of a protective order. The investigation revealed Hugh A. Pierce, age 45 of Lexington Park, was served on May 11, 2010 with a Temporary Protective Order ordering no contact between Pierce and the petitioner of the order. On May 13, 2010, Pierce called the petitioner on the telephone in violation of the order. Pierce was charged with Violating the Conditions of the Protective Order.

On May 14, 2010, Deputy W. Thompson responded to Great Mills Road in Great Mills for a report of an intoxicated person lying in the travel portion of Great Mills Road. Upon arrival, Deputy Thompson made contact with Joseph Warren Pilkerton, age 40 of Bryantown, who was sleeping on the sidewalk with a 24-ounce bottle of beer lying next to him. Deputy Thompson woke Pilkerton to check his welfare. Pilkerton began cursing at Deputy Thompson causing a disturbance to other individuals walking along the roadway. Deputy Thompson could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage upon Pilkerton's breath and person. The deputy asked Pilkerton several times to stop yelling and cursing but Pilkerton refused and continued to yell and threaten the deputy. Pilkerton was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct.

On May 14, 2010, Corporal J. Logalbo responded to the area of Route 235 and Route 4 for a report of a suspicious person. Upon arrival, Corporal Logalbo observed several neighbors looking out their doors with their attention drawn to Aloysius Charles Guy Jr., age 47 of no fixed address, who appeared to be intoxicated and was yelling profanity. As Corporal Logalbo approached, Guy took a defensive stance balling his fist, cursing and aggressively came towards the deputy. Guy was taken to the ground and arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Second Degree Assault. A search incident to Guy's arrest revealed a glass smoking device containing suspected marijuana. Guy was additionally charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia.

On May 16, 2010, Corporal J. Kirkner responded to the McKay's Food and Drug Store in Lexington Park for a report of a shoplifter. Upon arrival, Corporal Kirkner made contact with the witness who reported Joseph Michael Curtis, age 46 of Great Mills, took two bags of snow crab legs, concealed them on his person and walked past all points of purchase, exiting the store

without paying for the items. Store employees contacted Curtis just outside of the store exit about the theft. The store employees located the snow crab legs on Curtis' person. The employees escorted Curtis to the loss prevention office and called the police to report the theft. On two occasions, prior to the arrival of deputies, Curtis tried to push past McKay's employees and forcibly leave the store. Curtis was charged with Theft Less Than \$1,000.00 and Second Degree Assault.

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