



MEDIA RELEASE

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St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for June 22, 2009

The victim lent his 2000 Toyota Echo to Brian Christopher Kirk, age 25 of Mechanicsville. The vehicle contained handguns in the trunk. Kirk stole the handguns and a bank check, which Kirk cashed. Kirk also failed to return the victim's vehicle as agreed. On June 10, 2009, Kirk was operating the vehicle and stopped by Deputy First Class Joseph Labrack. Kirk was charged with Theft Over \$500.00, Theft of a Motor Vehicle and Theft Under \$500.00.

On June 13, 2009, Stanley Ignatius Armstrong Jr., age 40 of Lexington Park, was in a verbal dispute which escalated into a physical assault when Armstrong grabbed the victim by the wrists and pushed her onto a couch. When the victim's roommate attempted to call for help, Armstrong grabbed the phone from and scratched the roommate. Armstrong was arrested and charged with two counts of Second Degree Assault.

On June 13, 2009, a District Court Commissioner issued a Peace Order, which was served on Vernon Edward Freeland, age 41 of Lexington Park, ordering Freeland not to contact the petitioner. On June 14, 2009, Freeland called the victim several times in violation of the Peace Order. Freeland was arrested and charged with Violating a Peace Order.

On Saturday, June 13, 2009, Robert Jacob Eberle Jr., age 20 of no fixed address, turned himself in to Bureau of Criminal Investigations Detectives. He was the second suspect sought in the Tackle Box Store burglary from June 9, 2009. In addition, during the investigation, it was determined that Eberle had been in an ongoing sexual relationship with a 15-year-old female. He was charged with a Fourth Degree Sex Offense, Burglary, Theft, and Property Destruction Over \$500.00. He was incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention Center.

On June 14, 2009, Tina Marie Felitsky, age 37 of Charlotte Hall, was at the victim's residence in an attempt to exercise visitation with her children. Felitsky was not permitted visitation. As Felitsky left the residence, she used a sharp object to scratch the side of the victim's vehicle causing damage. Felitsky was charged with Destruction of Property.

On June 15, 2009, Deputy Michael Boyer responded to a residence on Hollywood Road for a report of an assault in progress. The investigation revealed Kevin Scott Adams, age 27 of Hollywood, was involved in a verbal dispute which escalated into a physical assault when Adams pushed the victim to the ground and spat in her face. Adams was arrested for Second Degree Assault.

The St. Mary's County Office of Professional Responsibilities in cooperation with the St. Mary's County Bureau of Criminal Investigations conducted a joint investigation into allegation of sexual contact between a St. Mary's County Corrections employee and an inmate. On June 18, 2009, the St. Mary's County Bureau of Criminal Investigations charged Deborah Anne Bartholow, age 44 of Mechanicsville, on a District Court Criminal Summons with "Sexual Contact Between a Corrections Officer and a Confined Inmate". The maximum sentence for a person convicted of this offense is imprisonment not to exceed three years and a fine not to exceed \$3,000.00 or both. Bartholow has been a Correctional Officer for four years with the St. Mary's County Detention Center. Bartholow has been suspended from her duties without pay pending the completion of this matter. Both investigations are still ongoing.

Vice/Narcotics Detectives received information about drug activity at two related residences, one in Hollywood and the other in Lexington Park. As the investigation continued, Search and Seizure Warrants were obtained for both homes. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Team assisted in the execution of the warrants. Suspects Christopher John Anthony, age 23 of Hollywood, and Amber Renee Kellis, age 24 of Lexington Park, were arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana. Additional charges are pending.

Vice/Narcotics Detectives identified a group of individuals that were distributing cocaine in the Callaway/Piney Point area. Two suspects have already been arrested. The third suspect, Joseph Cornell Young, age 35, a.k.a. "Joe Joe" was indicted at the conclusion of a drug investigation related to him. After the other two suspects were arrested, Young fled to the State of Georgia. Vice/Narcotics Detectives began tracking the suspect and requested assistance from the United State Marshals Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force. The investigation continued for several weeks before Young was apprehended by the United States Marshals Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force. State's Attorney Richard D. Fritz ordered Young returned to the State of Maryland to stand trial. The extradition process is now underway. Vice/Narcotics Detectives would like to thank both U.S. Marshals Task Forces for their quick response in assisting us.

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