



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for July 6, 2010**

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision, which occurred on June 26, 2010 at approximately 2317 hours at the intersection of St. John's Road and Three Notch Road in Hollywood. The preliminary investigation reveals vehicle #1, a 2003 Nissan Sentra operated by Mary Ernell Butler, age 81 of Mechanicsville, was attempting to turn northbound on Three Notch Road from St. John's Road. Vehicle #2, a 2009 Toyota Camry operated by Wade Christian Wathen, age 45 of Lexington Park, was traveling southbound on Three Notch Road. Butler failed to yield the right of way and pulled into the path of vehicle #2 causing a collision. Butler died as a result of the injuries sustained in collision and was pronounced dead at the scene. Wathen was flown from the scene to Prince George's Hospital Center by Maryland State Police Helicopter Trooper 7. Alcohol is not believed to be a contributing factor. The Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Team responded and is continuing the investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact Deputy First Class Timothy Reese at 301-475 4200 x9115.

On June 27, 2010 at approximately 2315 hours, deputies responded to the Quik Shop on Great Mills Road for a report of a fight in progress. Upon arrival deputies observed Octavia Monique Ford, age 23 of Lusby, walking towards another individual with a metal baseball bat in her hand. Ford was screaming which attracted the attention of many bystanders. Deputies ordered her to drop the bat and she complied. Deputies detained Ford and ordered her to stop yelling as they conducted an investigation. Ford continued to yell and confront the crowd of people who gathered around. The investigation revealed Ford had attempted to strike another female who was seated in a vehicle. Ford missed striking the woman and hit her vehicle causing a dent. Ford was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault, Disorderly Conduct and Destruction of Property.

Registered Sex Offender Clinton Wayne Rankin was arrested on June 14, 2010 for Failing to Notify Local Law Enforcement of a Change in Address. On July 2, 2010, Clinton Rankin was released on bond from the St. Mary's County Detention Center. He will be residing on Winding Way, Lord Calvert Trailer Park in Lexington Park. He is currently unemployed. For further information on registered sex offenders in St. Mary's County, contact Corporal William Raddatz at 301-475-4200 x1958.

On July 3, 2010 at approximately 0200 hours, Corporal E. Goodwin was traveling north on Three Notch Road in the area of Exploration Drive in Lexington Park when she observed a 2000 Plymouth Caravan swerving on Three Notch Road in front of her vehicle. Corporal Goodwin activated the emergency equipment on her patrol vehicle to initiate a traffic stop on the

van. The driver, later identified as Tyree D. Shields, age 18 of California, refused to stop and attempted to flee by driving the van through a steady red left turn traffic signal onto MacArthur Boulevard. The van then abruptly turned into the parking lot of Shoppers Food Warehouse and stopped. Corporal Goodwin approached the van and arrested Shields. Further investigation revealed Shields did not have permission from the owner to use the van and was operating the van without a valid driver's license. Shields was charged with numerous traffic violations on citations and charged criminally with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

On June 3, 2010, Anthony Leo Macon, age 41 of no fixed address, was served with a Protective Order ordering him not to contact or enter onto the property of the petitioner. The Protective Order is effective until June 3, 2011. On July 4, 2010, Macon violated the conditions of the Protective Order by entering the petitioner's house in violation of the order.

On July 4, 2010 at approximately 1400 hours, deputies responded to Town Creek Drive in California for a destruction of property in progress call. The victim reported he heard several males yelling outside of his residence and then heard a loud noise. The victim looked outside to investigate and saw that his mailbox was knocked from the post and damaged. The victim also saw a dark Subaru leaving the area. As Deputy First Class M. Boyer was responding to the call he observed a black Subaru leaving Town Creek traveling north on Three Notch Road. Deputy First Class Boyer stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as Christopher William Spak, age 19 of Lexington Park. The Subaru had damage consistent with striking a mailbox. Further investigation revealed a second mailbox on Town Creek Drive was also damaged and Spak was the individual operating the Subaru when the vehicle struck and damaged the mailboxes. Spak was arrested and charged with two counts of Destruction of Property.

Bureau of Criminal Investigations Detectives are actively investigating and continuing to pursue leads in the March 24, 2010 armed robbery of the Bank of America in Lexington Park. Detectives would like to interview individuals who were in the area on the day of the robbery or who have additional information which would aid in the investigation. A reward of up to \$20,000.00 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the robbery. Anyone with information regarding this robbery is asked to contact Detective Corporal Robert Merritt at 301-475-4200 x9042 or Crime Solvers at 301-475-3333. Citizens can also text information to CRIMES (274637) and enter "TIP239" (847239) to provide information.

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