



MEDIA RELEASE

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St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for August 16, 2010

On August 6, 2010, deputies responded to a robbery call in the area of Missouri Avenue and Flower Drive in Lexington Park. The victim reported he was confronted by Jamarr Sherman Mackall, age 18 of Prince Frederick, and a second subject who initiated an argument with him. Mackall struck the victim in the face, knocking him to the ground. Mackall and the second subject stole the victim's shoes and a pack of cigarettes. A lookout was broadcast for the suspects and Mackall was located a short time later. Mackall was arrested and charged with Robbery, Second Degree Assault and Theft. The second suspect has not yet been located.

On August 7, 2010, deputies responded to a report of an assault on Sue Drive in Lexington Park. The investigation revealed Timoteo MNM Hernandez, age 26 of Lexington Park, was engaged in a verbal dispute with the victim which escalated into a physical assault when Hernandez struck the victim multiple times with a closed fist. Hernandez was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On August 7, 2010, deputies responded to a report of an assault on Big Chestnut Road in Clements. The investigation revealed Christopher Wayne Quade Jr., age 21 of Clements, was engaged in a verbal dispute with the victim which escalated into a physical assault when Quade struck the victim in the mouth, knocking one of her teeth out. Quade was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On August 8, 2010, deputies responded to a report of a controlled dangerous substance violation on Flower Drive in Lexington Park. As deputies approached they observed Jerry Lewis Gray, age 50 of no fixed address, smoking a substance from a piece of aluminum foil. Based on the deputies' training and experience, they believed Gray was consuming/smoking crack cocaine. Gray attempted to dispose of the aluminum foil as the deputies approached. The deputies detained Gray and secured the aluminum foil. Upon further examination of the aluminum foil, the deputies observed the residue of a burnt material on the foil which they suspected to be crack cocaine. Gray was charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, suspected crack cocaine and Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia.

On August 8, 2010, two individuals were leaving a party on Boundary Drive in Mechanicsville when they were chased to their vehicle by Robert Clayton Walnetski, age 27 of Mechanicsville, and David Edward Edinger Jr., age 25 of Mechanicsville. The individuals/victims were able to get into their vehicle. Walnetski and Edinger threatened to assault the victims and attempted to open their car doors. When Walnetski and Edinger could not open the doors, they banged on the car causing dents in the vehicle and a broken side door mirror. The victims were

able to drive away, report the assault and describe Walnetski and Edinger. Deputies responded to Boundary Drive, located and arrested Walnetski and Edinger. Both were charged with Second Degree Assault and Destruction of Property.

On August 8, 2010, deputies responded to a report of an assault on Onion Field Lane in California. The investigation revealed Barbara Ann Russell, age 39 of California, was engaged in a verbal dispute with the victim which escalated into a physical assault when Russell struck the victim in the face multiple times. Russell was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On August 8, 2010, deputies responded to an assault complaint. Deputies met with the victim who reported that on August 7, 2010, she was at the residence of Domonique Vonte Washington, age 21 of Mechanicsville. The victim reported she and Washington were involved in a verbal dispute which escalated into a physical assault when Washington threw her to the ground and choked her. After interviewing the victim, deputies contacted Washington at his residence. Washington was subsequently arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On August 9, 2010, the St. Mary's County Emergency Communications Center broadcast a lookout for an older model blue Ford Mustang and its occupants. It was reported that the occupants of the Mustang had just committed a theft of money. Deputy W. Thompson observed and stopped the suspect vehicle. Gabriel Xavier Cassagnol, age 50 of Saint Inigoes, was the operator of the vehicle and Robin Ann Laabs, age 39 of Lexington Park, was the passenger. Cassagnol and Laabs matched the description of the suspects involved in the theft. Deputy Thompson had Cassagnol exit the vehicle. For officer safety, Deputy Thompson conducted a frisk of Cassagnol's person. As a result of the frisk, Deputy Thompson located a glass smoking device containing suspected crack cocaine residue. Deputy Thompson arrested Cassagnol for possession of controlled dangerous substance paraphernalia and as Deputy Thompson was handcuffing Cassagnol, he noticed Cassagnol was holding cash in his hand. Deputy Thompson asked Cassagnol to open his hand. Cassagnol refused and clenched his hand. Cassagnol then attempted to pull away from the deputy. After a brief struggle, Cassagnol was subdued. Cassagnol was charged with Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, suspected crack cocaine and Resisting Arrest. Laabs was charged on a Criminal Summons with Theft Less Than \$100.00.

On August 9, 2010, Deputy First Class M. George responded to Edgar Way in Lexington Park for a report of a man with a gun call. The investigation revealed the gun in question was an air gun and there was no violation of the law. As Deputy First Class George was attempting to investigate the situation, Sheryl Christine Price, age 44 of Lexington Park, approached yelling profanity at the deputy. Price was using profane language as she yelled that the gun was only a toy and that no one was doing anything wrong. Deputy First Class George asked Price several times to lower her voice but she refused. Deputy First Class George told Price that he realized the gun was only an air gun and that there was no violation of the law but Price continued to yell profanity and refused to calm her disorderly behavior. Price's yelling and disorderly behavior gained the attention from other residents in the neighborhood who exited their homes to watch the activity. Price was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct.

Vice/Narcotics Detectives began a joint investigation with Corrections staff at the St. Mary's County Detention Center related to possible contraband being delivered. As the investigation concluded, it was discovered that Stephanie Lynn Thomas, age 36 of Hughesville, had sent two separate greeting cards to the Detention Center to inmate Jacob Steven Traas, age 25 of Hollywood. One card contained adderall and the second contained suboxone. The pills were reduced to a powdered form and secreted within the card. Both suspects were charged accordingly and are awaiting hearings in the District Court.

Vice/Narcotics Detectives were assisted by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Team in executing a Search and Seizure Warrant on a Mechanicsville home. Marijuana, cocaine and related paraphernalia were recovered. Michael Brian Dyson, age

36 of Mechanicsville, was arrested. Additional charges are pending a review with State's Attorney Richard D. Fritz.

On August 12, 2010, Deputy M. Rogers responded to a residence on Atlanta Street in Lexington Park for a report of an assault. The investigation revealed Alvin Marcelo White, age 30 of Lexington Park, was engaged in a verbal dispute which escalated into a physical assault when White pushed the victim several times into a wall. White was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On July 13, 2010, John James Viland, age 30 of Lexington Park, was served with a Protective Order ordering him not to threaten or harass the petitioner of the order. The Protective Order remains effective until April 2011. On August 11, 2010, Viland violated the conditions of the order by harassing and threatening the petitioner. Viland was arrested and charged with Violating the Conditions of the Protective Order.

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