



MEDIA RELEASE

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St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for August 23, 2010

On August 13, 2010, deputies responded to a residence on Mohawk Drive in Charlotte Hall for a report of a disorderly subject. Upon arrival, deputies contacted Mark Anthony Balenger, age 41 of Charlotte Hall, who was extremely upset and yelling profanity. Deputies asked Balenger several times to calm down and to explain what was causing him to be so upset. Balenger, who appeared to be intoxicated, refused to calm down and continued to yell profanity. Balenger's yelling and disorderly behavior caused neighbors to exit their residences to investigate the commotion. Balenger was arrested and charged with Violating a Lawful Order of a Police Officer and Disorderly Conduct.

On August 13, 2010, deputies responded to a disturbance at a residence on Hilton Drive in Lexington Park. The investigation revealed John William Alvarado, age 33 of Lexington Park, was engaged in a verbal dispute with the victim which escalated into a physical assault when Alvarado grabbed the victim by the arms and shook her. Alvarado was told he was under arrest for assault and he resisted. After a brief struggle, Alvarado was subdued and handcuffed. Alvarado was charged with Second Degree Assault and Resisting Arrest.

On August 13, 2010, deputies responded to Independence Drive in Mechanicsville for a report of suspicious activity. The complainant advised two black males were running through residents' yards. Upon arrival, Deputy First Class J. Graves observed two black males duck behind a set of bushes in an attempt to conceal themselves. Deputy First Class Graves ordered the men from behind the bushes and they complied. A check of the area revealed a metal smoking device containing suspected crack cocaine on the ground next to where Donald Anthony Somerville, age 52 of Mechanicsville, was attempting to hide from the deputy. Somerville was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, suspected crack cocaine and Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia.

On August 14, 2010 at approximately 0445 hours, deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of King Way and Surrey Way in California. The complainant reported a white passenger vehicle was parked in the parking lot with its engine running and two subjects asleep inside the vehicle. When deputies arrived, they located a white Toyota Camry with its engine running and two subjects asleep inside. Deputies observed in plain view a rolled marijuana cigar in the male occupant's lap. The deputies retrieved the suspected controlled dangerous substance and identified the occupants of the vehicle as Derek Matthew Dean, age 22 of Hollywood, and Brittaney Noel Howell, age 22 of Lexington Park. Dean was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, suspected marijuana. Howell was told she was not under arrest and was free to leave. Howell became upset because Dean had been

arrested. Howell attempted to block the deputy from leaving the scene with Dean in the vehicle. Howell was subsequently arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

On August 14, 2010, Deputy G. Knott was asked to transport Jeffery Wayne Roberts Jr., age 24 of Great Mills, from the scene of a civil dispute. Deputy Knott explained to Roberts that prior to transporting him in his patrol vehicle he would have to conduct a search of his person and belongs for the officer's safety. Roberts agreed to the search of his person and belongings. During Deputy Knott's search, he located a smoking device containing suspected marijuana residue and other marijuana paraphernalia contained in Robert's belongings. Roberts was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia.

On August 15, 2010, deputies responded to a report of a disturbance on Indian Way in Lexington Park. The investigation revealed Whitney Erin McMillan, age 20 of Lexington Park, was involved in a verbal dispute with the victim which escalated into a physical altercation when McMillan scratched the victim on the arm. McMillan then punched holes in the hallway walls of the victim's residence. McMillan was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault and Destruction of Property.

On August 15, 2010, deputies responded to the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Fairgrounds in Ridge for a report of an assault. The investigation revealed a juvenile female was involved in a verbal dispute with carnival employee, James Plummer Mister Jr., age 47 of Frederick, which escalated into a physical assault when Mister slapped the juvenile across the face causing her nose and upper lip to bleed. Mister was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On August 16, 2010, deputies responded to Lincoln Road in Mechanicsville for a report of an assault. The investigation revealed David Lionell Butler, age 47 of Mechanicsville, was involved in a verbal dispute which escalated into a physical assault when Butler struck the victim several times with a belt, threw her to the floor and kicked her in the rib cage. Butler was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On August 16, 2010, deputies responded to a residence of Winding Way in Lexington Park for a report of an assault. Michael Christopher Dufour Sr., age 25 of Lexington Park, was engaged in a verbal dispute with the victim which escalated into a physical assault when Dufour grabbed the victim's purse and pulled it from her arm, causing a scratch. Dufour was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault.

On August 17, 2010, Corporal E. Goodwin responded to the area of Pegg Road and Lexington Drive in Lexington Park for a complaint of a disorderly subject in the roadway. Upon arrival, Corporal Goodwin contacted Ashley Marie Moore, age 26 of Lexington Park, who was intoxicated. Corporal Goodwin's encounter was the second law enforcement contact with Moore that day. Moore was walking in and out of the roadway causing a hazard to herself and motorists. She refused to leave the area with a sober driver and became loud and aggressive towards others. Moore was arrested for Disorderly Intoxication.

On August 13, 2010, the Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) was notified of a critically injured seven-month-old female from Mechanicsville. The child had been transported from a local area medical facility to the Children's National Hospital Center with an unknown life-threatening condition. BCI Detectives conducted a joint investigation with the Department of Social Services (DSS) to determine the cause and nature of the injuries. During the investigation Marcus Corwell Hall, age 25 of Mechanicsville, was developed as a suspect for child abuse. The investigation was reviewed with the State's Attorney's Office and it was determined probable cause existed for the arrest of Hall for Child Abuse in the First Degree Resulting in Severe Physical Injury. The investigation is continuing and additional charges may be pending. Any

questions should be directed to Sergeant Jeffery S. Jones of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

Since July 2010, the Bureau of Criminal Investigations has been conducting an investigation into burglaries resulting in the theft of copper from businesses in the Leonardtown area. On August 11, 2010, investigators from BCI developed John Michael Wood, age 23 of Leonardtown, as a suspect in the investigation. On August 13, 2010, information was obtained which resulted in a Search and Seizure Warrant being executed at Wood's residence on Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown. The investigation was reviewed with the State's Attorney's Office and it was determined probable cause existed for the arrest of Wood. Wood was arrested and charged with three counts of Burglary Second Degree and Theft Over \$1,000.00 and Less Than \$10,000. The investigation is continuing and additional charges may be pending. Anyone with information is asked to contact Trooper First Class L. Nims at 301-475-4200 x1947 or Sergeant Jeffery Jones at 301-475-4200 x1963. Individuals can also text message information at TIP239 plus your message to 274637 (CRIMES) or call Crime Solvers at 301-475-3333.

On August 17, 2010, Deputy First Class C. Dodson observed William Wellington Webb Jr., age 42 of California, walking through the parking lot of Lores Laundromat in Great Mills carrying an open container of an alcoholic beverage in violation of the law. As Deputy First Class Dodson walked towards Webb, Webb dropped an item to the ground next to him. Deputy First Class Dodson searched the area where Webb dropped the item and located a warm, metal smoking device containing suspected marijuana. Webb was arrested and charged with Possession of an Open Alcoholic Beverage Container, Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia and Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, suspected marijuana.

On August 17, 2010 at approximately 2230 hours, Deputy First Class S. Carberry was on patrol and observed a Chevy Silverado parked on a dirt access road, just off of Colton's Point Road. The vehicle was parked with its engine running and lights on. The area where the vehicle was parked has a history of controlled dangerous substance violations. Deputy First Class Carberry approached the vehicle and identified the driver as Kyle Matthew Hudson, age 19 of Avenue. As Deputy First Class Carberry was speaking to Hudson, he could smell an odor of burnt marijuana emitting from the vehicle. Deputy First Class Carberry had Hudson exit the vehicle. As Hudson exited the vehicle, Deputy First Class Carberry saw a small plastic baggie containing suspected marijuana. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and Deputy First Class Carberry located a set of brass knuckles. Hudson was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession of a Concealed Deadly Weapon.

On August 18, 2010, deputies responded to Big Dogs Paradise in Mechanicsville for a report of a theft which had just occurred. The complainant reported a very tall black male, wearing black shorts and black jacket stole two bottles of liquor and fled in a black Nissan bearing Maryland registration. A lookout was broadcast for the vehicle and the suspect. A short time later the Nissan was located along with Ronald Lee Hartley, age 24 of Lexington Park, who matched the description of the suspect who had committed the theft. Further investigation revealed Hartley was the individual who stole the liquor from Big Dogs Paradise. Hartley was arrested and charged with Theft Under \$100.00.

On August 18, 2010, Deputy First Class S. Ruest responded to Kohl's Department Store in Lexington Park for a report of a theft. The investigation revealed Justin Richard Lewis, age 19 of Lexington Park, removed items from the store shelves, concealed the items on his person and walked past all points of purchase and attempted to leave the store without paying for the items. Lewis was stopped by store security and detailed until Deputy First Class Ruest arrived. Lewis was arrested for Theft. A search of Lewis' person incident to the arrest revealed Lewis was in possession of a metal smoking device containing suspected marijuana residue. Lewis was

additionally charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, marijuana and Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia.

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