

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Sheriff's Office Employees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2012 & Employee Commendations

Law Enforcement: Deputy Cory M. Ellis

Deputy Cory M. Ellis was nominated for Deputy of the Quarter by his supervisor, citing that "Deputy Ellis is a solid patrol officer who is a self-starter and a team player. Deputy Ellis's work is consistently above average; he volunteers for extra duty assignments and assists other squad mates with their investigations. Deputy Ellis's reports are thorough and accurate, his follow-ups timely and complete. I almost wish I could point to one exciting incident to highlight his talents, but the fact of the matter is, Deputy Ellis is rock solid day in and day out."



Sheriff Timothy Cameron and Deputy Cory Ellis

Corrections Division: Correctional Officer Jason M. Smith

Officer Smith was nominated for Correctional Officer of the Quarter by his supervisor, citing: On February 3, 2012 Correctional Officer Smith was assigned to booking when an inmate reported back to the detention center after attending a funeral, which was a court ordered temporary release. Once the inmate returned from the temporary release, Officer Smith noticed that he (the inmate) wore a different pair of shoes from the ones he wore when he departed earlier in the day. The inmate had been specifically instructed upon his release, not to bring anything back into the detention center, except for the exact clothing in which he wore out. Officer Smith brought the inmate into the detention center and per policy conducted a thorough search. During the search, Officer Smith discovered eight cigarettes hidden in the inmate's left shoe, concealed underneath the insole. Correctional Officer Smith's attention to detail detected and prevented contraband from entering the facility. Officer Smith's actions resulted criminal charge being placed against the inmate for introducing contraband into a place of confinement.



Correctional Officer Jason Smith and Sheriff Timothy Cameron

Civilian: Ms. Cari S. Ray

Ms. Cari S. Ray began employment with the Sheriff's Office as a Civilian Background Investigator in November of 2011. Ms. Ray has quickly learned the hiring process and almost immediately began submitting suggestions for new and different means of attracting candidates for the positions of Deputy Sheriff and Correctional Officer.

Ms Ray has also submitted suggestions on improving the Sheriff's Office Preliminary Screening Sheet (PSS) and Personal History Statement (PHS). In addition, Ms. Ray created a Social

Networking site on Facebook and created an email address specifically for recruiting. The creation of the Facebook page and email address almost instantly began generating interest and applications for Deputy Sheriff and Correctional Officer. Ms. Ray's supervisor cited in his nomination: "Ms. Ray is an extremely dedicated professional, a pleasure to work with, and by far a true asset to the Personnel and Recruiting Section and the Sheriff's Office."



Ms. Cari Ray and Sheriff Timothy Cameron

Other Employees Recognized for Performance include:

Quarterly Commendations

Dep. William Bankhead Dfc. Patrick Bowen C/O Scott Brown Cfc. Daniel Catlett Ms. Glenda Dennis<sup>2</sup> C/O William Dunkin Cfc. Blaine Gaskill Cpl. Patricia Harrod Ms. Valerie Hayden Cfc. Jacob Jones C/O Stanislaus Kuczewski C/O Randall Molitor <sup>2</sup> C/O Dawn Oliver C/O Catherine Poole Ms. D. Leann Quade C/O Luis Ramos Dompenciel Lt. Donna Rustin

Dep. Austin Schultz Cpl. David Sewell C/O Jason Smith<sup>2</sup> Ms. Patricia Smith<sup>2</sup> Dep. Timothy Snyder Ms. Rhonda Wathen Dep. Michael Worrey



Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron and the men and women of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office congratulated these employees for their dedicated service to the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of St. Mary's County.