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Detectives identified Eldridge Eugene Shade aka “Al Shade” (Age 48 of Mechanicsville) as a distributor of cocaine and heroin in the northern end of St. Mary’s County. As the investigation continued a search and seizure warrant was obtain and executed. Detectives were assisted by Sheriff’s Office K-9 and Support Team deputies. More than \$2,400 worth of cocaine was recovered from the home as well as nearly \$11,000 in cash. Other property deemed proceeds of Suspect Shade’s drug activity was seized as well. Additional charges are pending a review with the State’s Attorney’s Office. Inside the home a second suspect, Kimberly Guido Dallas (Age 48 of Mechanicsville) was arrested for misdemeanor possession of cocaine and a related smoking device.

Lawrence Edward Keister (Age 47 of Lexington Park) was observed coming out of a local pharmacy and making contact with a female later identified as Brandy Pilkerton (Age 32 of Lexington Park). Detectives observed a suspected drug transaction and with the assistance of a deputy from the Special Operations Division conducted a traffic stop. Seized from the vehicle were 84 “Oxycodone” pills from Suspect Keister and one “oxycodone” pill from Suspect Pilkerton, along with two cellular phones. The investigation revealed Suspect Keister had obtained 90 “oxycodone” tablets and distributed three pills to Suspect Pilkerton. Deputies recovered one of the three pills on Suspect Pilkerton and the other two pills were ingested. Both Suspects were arrested and Suspect Keister faces additional charges after a State’s Attorney’s Office review.

Robert Alan Mandley Sr. (Age 55 of Huntington, Md.) was charged with passing fraudulent prescription for “oxycodone” at two separate pharmacies in St. Mary’s County.

Shawn Roosevelt Thompson (Age 32 of Chaptico, Md.) was arrested while on the scene of the execution of a search and seizure warrant. Suspect Thompson was in possession of a quantity of marijuana. Additional charges are pending a continued investigation.

Kevin Russell Bryant (Age 23 of Lexington Park, Md) was arrested on an open indictment that was secured by detectives related to Bryant's sales of marijuana. He was originally held without bond.

Steven Rene Tharpe (Age 23 of Great Mills, Md) was found to be acting suspicious on Drayden Rd. at Windmill Point Road. Further investigation revealed Suspect Tharpe was illegally in possession of "oxycodone".

Luke Ellyson Gardiner (Age 31 of Port St. Lucie, Fl.) was arrested on an open warrant related to possession of "suboxone", marijuana and related paraphernalia which was found in his former Mechanicsville home during the execution of a search and seizure warrant.

Terry Lee Kent Jr. (Age 23 of Lexington Park) was located with the assistance of the Lexington Park COPS Unit. Detectives identified Suspect Kent as a distributor of heroin. Detectives executed a search and search warrant on Kent's person. Heroin and cash were recovered. Suspect Kent was arrested and has multiple additional charges pending.

Derek Leon Black (Age 36 of Waldorf, Md.) was charged with multiple counts of forgery, altering prescriptions and attempting to obtain "oxycodone" by fraud.

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