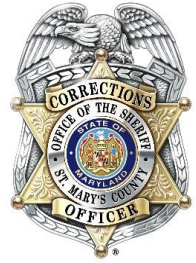




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NEWS RELEASE

Traffic Stop Leads to Discovery of Unserialized Loaded Firearm, Arrest

LEONARDTOWN, MD (March 12, 2025) – Deputies from the Criminal Intelligence Unit of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office recovered a loaded unserialized firearm and arrested a suspect following a traffic stop on Monday, March 10, 2025.

Deputies initiated the stop on a white 2011 Kia Forte traveling on Great Mills Road for operating without brake lights. During the stop, deputies identified Pernell Maddox, a passenger in the vehicle, 20, of no fixed address, who is known to law enforcement. A search of Maddox led to the discovery of a loaded, unserialized Polymer 80 9mm handgun in the waistband of his pants.

Maddox was taken into custody and charged with multiple firearm-related offenses, including:

- Knowingly possessing a regulated firearm after being convicted of a disqualifying crime
- Two counts of wearing a loaded handgun in a vehicle on public roads
- Two counts of wearing a loaded handgun on his person
- Unlawfully possessing an unserialized firearm
- Possession of a regulated firearm while under the age of 21
- Possession of ammunition while prohibited from possessing a regulated firearm

Maddox was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center, where he is being held without bond.

