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NEWS RELEASE

Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest and Recovery of Stolen Firearm

LEONARDTOWN, MD (July 29, 2024)— On Sunday, July 28, 2024, while conducting proactive traffic enforcement in Lexington Park, Deputy Joseph Senatore initiated a traffic stop on a Ford F-150 for an equipment violation. Upon approaching the vehicle, Deputy Senatore observed a firearm in plain sight, leaning against the passenger's left leg on the front passenger side of the truck.

The driver and the passenger were detained, and the truck was searched. The firearm was identified as a loaded 7.62 X 39mm Draco pistol with ammunition chambered. A subsequent check of law enforcement databases revealed the weapon was listed as stolen through the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office in Virginia.

The passenger of the vehicle, a 17-year-old juvenile, was arrested and charged as an adult with transporting a handgun in a vehicle, a loaded handgun in a vehicle, possession of a stolen regulated firearm, possession of a firearm by a minor, and related charges.

The suspect was transported to the Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown to await a bond hearing.

