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# NEWS RELEASE

## **St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies Arrest Suspect in Attempted Motor Vehicle Theft; Seeking Additional Suspect**

**LEONARDTOWN, MD** (September 26, 2024) – Patrol deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (SMCSO) responded to a motor vehicle theft report in the 21000 block of South Essex Drive in Lexington Park at approximately 10:44 a.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

Upon arrival, the victim told deputies her vehicle was locked and running while she briefly entered a business. When she returned, she witnessed two individuals attempting to enter her car forcibly.

The victim provided descriptions of the suspects, and deputies from multiple SMCSO divisions launched an extensive search; one suspect was found in a nearby residential area. Following a brief foot chase, Jaden Xzavier Mason, 19, of no fixed address, was apprehended. A subsequent search of Mason revealed suspected crack cocaine and a fixed-blade weapon.

Mason was charged with attempted theft of \$1500 to less than \$25000, possession of burglar's tools with intent to use in the commission of a crime, CDS: possession – not cannabis, CDS: possession of paraphernalia, and related charges. The suspect was transported to the Detention and Rehabilitation Center to await a bond hearing.

The investigation continues, and the second suspect, shown in the attached photo, described as a young black male wearing a white T-shirt and jeans is being sought.

Those with information about this incident are asked to contact Deputy Joseph Senatore at 301-475-4200, ext. 8163, or by email at [Joseph.Senatore@stmarycountymd.gov](mailto:Joseph.Senatore@stmarycountymd.gov).

Tipsters can also call Crime Solvers 24/7 at 301-475-3333 or text Crime Solvers at 274637. In the message block, type "Tip239" and select SEND. After you get a response, continue your conversation.

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