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NEWS RELEASE

Home Invasion Suspect Arrested in Great Mills

LEONARDTOWN, MD (November 30, 2024)— St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Deputies arrested Robert Eric Hyatt Jr., 38, of Fort Washington, following a 911 report of a home invasion on Friday, November 29, 2024.

Deputies from the Patrol Division responded to the 45000 block of Military Lane after receiving a call from the victim, who reported that a male suspect was attempting to enter his residence forcibly. During the 911 call, a loud disturbance was heard as the suspect forced his way into the home.

Upon arrival, deputies entered the residence, where the suspect surrendered without incident. A search revealed that Hyatt was carrying a 9mm handgun, brass knuckles, and a large knife, and he was wearing body armor.

The victim was found on the balcony of the residence, suffering from a laceration to the head and a gunshot wound to the shoulder. He was transported to an area hospital by the Maryland State Police Aviation Command.

Hyatt faces ten charges, including attempted first- and second-degree murder, first- and second-degree assault, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, wearing bulletproof armor in the commission of a violent crime, concealing a dangerous weapon, and related burglary offenses. He was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown.

The case is now being handled by the Criminal Investigations Division, with Detective Benjamin Raley serving as the lead investigator. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective Raley at 301-475-4200, ext. 8076, or via email at Benjamin.Raley@stmaryscountymd.gov.





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