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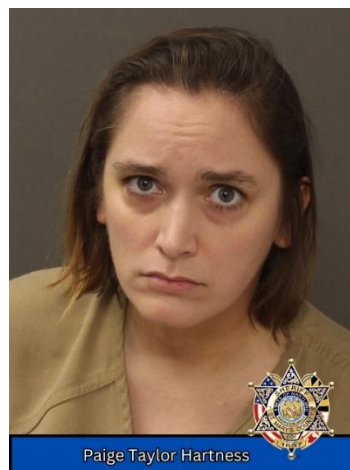
## **Suspect Arrested in Connection with October Officer Involved Non-Fatal Shooting of Armed Suspect**

**LEONARDTOWN, MD** (December 10, 2025) – On Monday, December 8, 2025, Deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office executed an arrest warrant on Paige Taylor Hartness, 34, of Lexington Park in connection with an incident that took place on October 23, 2025, in which deputies responded to a welfare check in Lexington Park following a report that a woman had left a residence with the caller's gun. The suspect was located in a vehicle at the MedStar Health facility on East Run Drive, and deputies attempted to communicate with her. The suspect was uncommunicative and fled from the car. During the ensuing foot chase, Hartness pointed a handgun at deputies, prompting two deputies to discharge their firearms, striking her.

The suspect was charged through the warrant with ten counts, including

- Assault first-degree
- Assault second-degree
- Firearm use during the commission of a felony/crime of violence
- Reckless endangerment
- Two counts of loaded handgun on person
- Two counts of loaded handgun in vehicle
- Possession of a stolen regulated firearm
- Theft of \$100 to under \$1500

Hartness is incarcerated in the Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown on a no-bond status.



Paige Taylor Hartness

