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NEWS RELEASE

Lexington Park Man Arrested After Pursuit; Deputies Recover Loaded Rifle

March 12, 2026 - CORRECTION- A previous version of this release contained an incorrect spelling of the suspect's first name. The correct spelling is Vaneclus.

LEONARDTOWN, MD (March 10, 2026) – On Monday, March 9, at approximately 9:30 p.m., deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office heard gunfire while conducting proactive patrol operations in the Lexington Park area and immediately responded to Bunker Hill Drive.

Upon arrival, deputies located a red Chevrolet Equinox with the passenger-side window broken out. Deputies attempted to speak with the driver; however, the driver fled the area, and deputies pursued.

During the pursuit, deputies observed the driver throw an object from the vehicle. The item was recovered and identified as a loaded .223-caliber, semi-automatic short-barreled rifle (SBR) with a high-capacity magazine.

Deputies continued the pursuit until the driver stopped the SUV in front of a residence, where he was taken into custody without further incident.

During the investigation, deputies located several .223-caliber shell casings on Bunker Hill Drive. No injuries were reported.

The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was identified as ~~Vaneclus~~ **Vaneclus** Quntya Alexander, 38, of Lexington Park. Alexander was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and charged with eight counts, including:

- Wear/carry/transport a loaded handgun on their person
- Wear/carry/transport a handgun on person
- Wear/carry/knowingly transport a loaded handgun in a vehicle on public roads
- Wear/carry/knowingly transport a handgun in a vehicle on public roads
- Possession of a regulated firearm after having been convicted of a felony
- Possession of ammunition after being prohibited
- Knowingly possessing a regulated firearm after being convicted of a disqualifying crime
- Reckless endangerment

The incident remains under investigation. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Deputy First Class Preston Dixon at 301-475-4200, ext. 8168, or by email at Preston.Dixon@stmaryscountymd.gov.





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