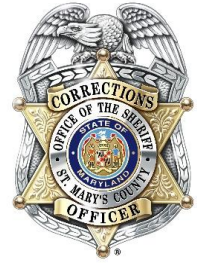




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# NEWS RELEASE

## California Man Charged After Reported Assault Involving Firearm

**LEONARDTOWN, MD** (April 16, 2026) – On April 14, at around 1:14 a.m., deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence in St. Inigoes for a reported assault.

Upon arrival, the victim reported that following an argument, a male subject allegedly pointed a firearm at him.

Following an investigation, the suspect was identified as Jordan Charles Danford, 26, of California, Maryland. Danford was taken into custody, and deputies recovered an unserialized polymer 9mm semi-automatic handgun and a fully loaded magazine containing 25 rounds of ammunition.

The suspect was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and charged with six offenses, including first-degree assault, use of a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence, unlawful possession of an unserialized firearm, possession of a regulated firearm while prohibited due to an out-of-state protective order, possession of ammunition while prohibited, and use of a high-capacity magazine in the commission of a felony.

Following a District Court appearance, Danford was released on personal recognizance pending trial.

