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NEWS RELEASE

Lexington Park Man Charged Following Handgun Assault Investigation

LEONARDTOWN, MD (May 11, 2026) – Deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded Sunday night to the Royal Farms convenience store on Tulagi Place in Lexington Park for a reported assault involving a handgun.

The victim told deputies the suspect entered the store to purchase items and became verbally aggressive following a conversation. The victim reported that the suspect then exited the store, retrieved a handgun, and made verbal threats to shoot him. The victim called 911, and the suspect fled the area.

Deputies identified the suspect through video surveillance and located Brett Andrew Taylor, 26, of Lexington Park, at his residence. Taylor was taken into custody without incident and charged with first- and second-degree assault and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Taylor is being held at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown pending a bond hearing.

Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division have assumed the case. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective James Morgan at 301-475-4200, ext. 8170, or by email at James.Morgan@stmaryscountymd.gov.

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