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Gunpoint road rage alleged in St. Inigoes

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The St. Mary's sheriff's office is headquartered at the county's governmental campus in Leonardtown.

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Gunpoint road rage incident alleged in St. Inigoes

Joshua Aquilino, 24, of Ridge was released from custody on 10 percent of a \$3,500 bond following his arrest this week on charging papers alleging he pointed a handgun at two people in a vehicle during a roadside confrontation.

Aquilino was charged with first-degree assault, reckless endangerment and a firearm offense in the court papers stating that police were told about a van flashing its lights on Sunday while closely following the other vehicle on Route 235 near St. Inigoes, until its occupants pulled over and stopped.

They told police that “the male inside of the [van] then pulled out a black handgun, racked a round into the chamber and pointed it at them,” according to a statement of probable cause filed by St. Mary’s sheriff’s deputy Taylore Nauman. “They advised the man stated ‘Next time I’m trying to ---- ing pass you, you will let me pass you,’ while he was pointing the gun at them.”

During police questioning at his residence, charging papers state, Aquilino “made a statement that he shouldn’t have racked his gun at the people in the car, [but] ... he denied pointing the gun at the victims.” The suspect dropped a loaded magazine of .45-caliber bullets on the ground while talking to police, court papers state, and he showed them where a .45-caliber pistol was on top of his refrigerator.

Theft by employee alleged

Matthew Apgar, 61, of no fixed address, has been charged through a summons with stealing \$2,120 earlier this year from the Walmart store in California, where court papers allege he took the money while employed at the business.

“Apgar had been taking money from the change drawers while working at the registers,” according to a charges application filed by sheriff’s deputy Thomas Snyder. “Surveillance footage on the days the defendant worked ... [showed him] placing money from the drawers in his pockets.”

Apgar was questioned by a loss prevention officer at the store, court papers state, and he provided “a written statement saying he was homeless and needed help.”

Burglary suspect charged

Jamie Lee Clark, 24, of Avenue has been charged through a summons with committing a first-degree burglary in February at a home on Sotterley Road in Hollywood.

A television, jewelry and electronic equipment owned by Corbretta Thomas were reported missing from the residence, along with footwear belonging to Tyonte Thomas, according to a statement of charges obtained this week by sheriff’s Cpl. David Corcoran.

Sheriff Tim Cameron (R) has described the online reporting system as a valuable adjunct to direct contact with the sheriff's office in situations where the citizen reporting the offense does not know who committed the crime. The new program saves crime victims time when reporting a minor offense, according to the sheriff, and it allows deputies to perform their investigations more efficiently.

Citizens can access the reporting system by going online to www.firstsheriff.com/citizenreport, or through the sheriff's office website at www.firstsheriff.com. For more information, call 301-475-8008.

Reward offered for tips in cases

Citizens with information about unsolved crimes in St. Mary's can collect a cash reward by calling St. Mary's County Crime Solvers 24 hours a day at 301-475-3333. They can withhold their name and later collect their reward through a number-identification system.

The Crime Solvers program assists law enforcement in solving open investigations that may not have been closed without the extra incentive of anonymity and an offer of a reward, providing the information leads to an arrest or indictment.

The Crime Solvers board of directors meets at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the county's Northern Senior Center in Charlotte Hall.

Contributions to the St. Mary's County Crime Solvers reward fund can be mailed to St. Mary's County Crime Solvers Inc. at P.O. Box 221, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. St. Mary's County Crime Solvers Inc. is a designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The full amount of gifts is tax

deductible to the extent of the law, since no goods or services were provided in relation to the contribution.

St. Mary's County Crime Solvers Inc. does not receive any taxpayer dollars to help in its efforts. All money is raised through Crime Solvers' fundraising efforts, and donations from businesses and the public.

Sheriff welcomes text-message tips

Cellphones and other handheld communication devices can be used to send text messages with tips for the St. Mary's sheriff's office, by texting TIP239, plus the message, to CRIMES, numerically 274637. For more information on the text-message program, go online to www.smscrimetips.com.

Police tips line open

Maryland State Police in Leonardtown operate a Tips Line at 410-257-4925 or 888-210-1450, inviting anyone with information about a crime that has occurred, or they expect may occur, to anonymously report that information 24 hours a day to authorities. Citizens may use the same telephone number to report concerns to police that do not involve criminal activity.

Information also can be submitted by email to centralsouth@maryland.gov, and police investigators can be followed on Facebook at CED-Central South.

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