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Repeat Offender Sentenced to 21 Years in Prison for Felony Cocaine Case in St. Mary's County

LEONARDTOWN, MD (July 14, 2026) – State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling announced today that David Leroy Harvey, Jr., 33, of Great Mills, Maryland, was sentenced to 41 years in prison with 21 years of active incarceration after being convicted of possession with intent to distribute cocaine and fleeing and eluding police.

"This marks the Defendant's third felony drug conviction. At the time of this offense, Mr. Harvey had been out of prison for just two months and on supervised probation from another county for robbery when he chose to commit yet another felony," said State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling. "Repeat offenders who continue to engage in criminal activity despite prior judicial intervention pose some of the most significant safety risks to our community and must be held accountable accordingly."

On February 21, 2026, deputies with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop in the area of Pegg Road and Westbury Boulevard in Lexington Park, during which the driver was identified as David Leroy Harvey, Jr. After a K-9 alerted to the odor of controlled dangerous substances, deputies began to search Harvey. Upon the officers locating two large bags of cocaine and \$4,661 in cash, Harvey ran from them and jumped into a pond in an attempt to evade arrest.

Senior Assistant State's Attorney Lisa Ridge prosecuted the case on behalf of the citizens of St. Mary's County.

Former Deputy Bianca Melton of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office was the lead investigator.

The Honorable Amy Lorenzini presided over the case.

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