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# NEWS RELEASE

## Lexington Park Man Arrested on Drug and Gun Charges

LEONARDTOWN, MD (February 7, 2025) – Deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office arrested a Lexington Park man on Thursday following an ongoing investigation into suspected drug-related activities. James Allen Chase, 65, was taken into custody and charged with possession with intent to distribute other related offenses.

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as part of the ongoing investigation by the Vice Narcotics Unit, deputies initiated a traffic stop on Great Mills Road and executed a search and seizure warrant on Chase's vehicle. During the search, deputies located more than 10 individual bags of suspected cocaine, \$400 in U.S. currency, and other drug-related items.

Simultaneously, investigators from the Criminal Investigations Division executed a search and seizure warrant at Chase's residence in the 46000 block of Kent Drive in Lexington Park. During the search, detectives recovered multiple tied-off bags of suspected cocaine with an approximate weight of nearly 100 grams, drug paraphernalia, and more than \$100,000 in cash. A loaded and cocked Harrington & Richardson Inc. 12-gauge shotgun was also found at the residence.

Chase was transported to the Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, where he was charged with CDS- possession with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, intent to promote an offense/conceal and disguise the proceeds of an offense involving a controlled dangerous substance CDS- proceeds from offense, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance CDS- possession not cannabis.



James Allen Chase

