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## NEWS RELEASE

### Suspect Arrested in Connection to December Shooting

**For Immediate Release**

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*[March 24, 2016, Bel Air, MD]* Deputies with the Harford County Sheriff's Office Warrant Unit arrested a man in Cecil County early Thursday morning in connection to a shooting that occurred in December.

On December 30<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 9:59 p.m., deputies from the Harford County Sheriff's Office Southern Precinct were called to a home in the 900 block of Topview Drive in Edgewood for the report of a person shot. Upon arrival, deputies located one victim with multiple gunshot wounds near the address. Medics transported the victim to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. Detectives from the Harford County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division responded to continue the investigation. Detectives with the Forensic Services Unit processed the scene for evidence.

Preliminarily, detectives determined the male victim was in the 900 block of Topview Drive with a female, when they were approached by four black male suspects and the victim was shot multiple times.

Through investigation, detectives were able to identify two suspects in connection to this shooting, Ronald Scaife, 22, and Deonte Copenhaver, 21. Arrest warrants charging both with attempted 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder, 1<sup>st</sup> degree assault, attempted 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony were issued by a District Court Commissioner.

Deputies arrested Scaife in Baltimore in January, a week following the shooting. Around 4:30 a.m. on Thursday, Deputies assigned to the Warrant Unit of the Harford County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Maryland State Police, U.S. Marshall's Office, and Cecil County Sheriff's Office, located Deonte Copenhaver in Cecil County and took him into custody without incident. Copenhaver was transported to the Harford County Detention Center where he is currently being held awaiting bail review.