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NEWS RELEASE

Harford County Sheriff's Office Employee Charged with Theft

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(November 10, 2016 – BEL AIR, MD) — A Harford County Sheriff's Office Correctional Deputy has been served a criminal summons on charges related to theft under \$1,000, a theft scheme, and providing a false statement to a law enforcement officer. The allegations do not involve inmates and the 5 charges are considered misdemeanors.

Senior Deputy Carlos Jusino, a Correctional Deputy assigned to the Harford County Detention Center, was served with a Criminal Summons on November 9, 2016 generated by an investigation conducted by detectives with the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

Investigators from the Harford County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division and Office of Professional Standards initiated parallel investigations into allegations of misconduct. Jusino, who was hired in September of 2000, was suspended with pay pursuant to state law, on September 15, 2016 and remains suspended while the internal investigation remains active. Information developed during the criminal investigation was provided to the Harford County Office of the State's Attorney who then conducted a follow-up investigation to determine the appropriate charging.

Sheriff Jeffrey Gahler cannot discuss the nature of the charges or specifics of the investigation, as a related internal administrative investigation has been initiated; however, he believes "credibility is one of the most important elements that define the effectiveness of a law enforcement agency. The Harford County Sheriff's Office understands the community we serve deserves transparency and accountability and the actions taken in this case demonstrate our commitment to earn and maintain our communities trust." The Sheriff continued, "While I cannot comment any further, as it could jeopardize the integrity of the administrative investigation, I believe strongly that the community deserves to know when a member of this agency has been criminally charged."

Members of the public are reminded the defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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With courage, honor and integrity we protect the rights and dignity of all citizens. In partnership with our communities, we strive to preserve the peace and provide for a safe environment for all.