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PRESS RELEASE

Multiple Arrests for Burglary, Trespassing and Peeping Tom:

St Michaels, MD - Between December 17, 2021 and March 8, 2022, the Talbot County Sheriff's Office and St Michaels Police Department received numerous complaints against Diego Albarado Lopez, 29 of St Michaels, MD.

On December 17, 2021, Deputies from the Talbot County Sheriff's Office were called to the 100 block of Miles Lane for a report of a Hispanic male looking into the windows of a residence. The resident was able to identify the Hispanic male as Lopez, and she advised Deputies this has occurred on several prior dates. The victim did not want to pursue charges at the time.

On March 4, 2022 the St. Michaels Police Department received a complaint that the defendant followed two women home from Carpenter Street Saloon. The defendant entered one of the women's property and looked in the victim's window. The St. Michaels Police Department investigated the incident and applied for an arrest warrant for the defendant. A District Court Commissioner issued a criminal summons instead of a warrant. The criminal summons was served on the defendant on March 8, 2022. (A criminal summons only requires the defendant to sign the summons and appear for a court hearing. A police officer has no authority to arrest on a criminal summons.)

On March 8, 2022, Deputies from the Talbot County Sheriff's Office, assisted by members of the St Michaels Police Department, responded to the 1200 block of Jefferson Street for a reported burglary in progress. Lopez was observed by the resident peering through her window, attempting to open the locked door, attempting to force open a locked window and entering her vehicle. Lopez was confronted and detained by a resident, who turned him over to responding police officers. Lopez was placed under arrest and charged with burglary, theft and possession of a controlled substance. Lopez was transported to the Talbot County Central Booking facility for processing and an initial appearance before a District Court Commissioner and held the defendant without bond. The defendant was released on an unsecured bond by a District Court Judge over the objection of the Talbot County State's Attorney's Office.

On March 9, 2022, Lopez was arrested on an arrest warrant for the December 17, 2021 incident on Miles Lane, being charged with trespassing, peeping tom, prurient intent and harassment. Lopez was transported to the Talbot County Central Booking facility for

processing and an initial appearance before a District Court Commissioner. Lopez was ordered held without bond District Court Commissioner. On March 11, 2022 a District Court Judge released the defendant on another unsecured bond over the objection of the Talbot County State's Attorney Office. (An unsecured bond does not require a defendant to post any funds to be released from custody.)

“This defendant has now been charged in 3 separate cases trying to watch women in the privacy of their homes. In the March 8th incident, the defendant actually attempted to enter the home. Had it not been for the brave actions of her friend the defendant may have gained entry. We are asking anyone with any type of video at their home to review it for some of the previously stated dates and report any suspicious activity to us. I have concerns for the safety of our citizens when any defendant is accused of perverted behavior and is still on the street.” Stated Sheriff Joe Gamble.

If anyone has encountered Lopez, or has additional information, they are requested to contact the Talbot County Sheriff's Office at 410-822-1020, by email at sheriff@talbotcountymd.gov, through Facebook at Talbot County Sheriff's Office, on our website at talbotsheriff.org.



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