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## PRESS RELEASE

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**(Easton)** The Talbot County Sheriff's Office has arrested an Oxford man for filing a fabricated complaint against a Sheriff's Deputy.

Sewell LeCompte Frey Jr., 38, of Oxford, Maryland has been arrested and charged with two counts of false statement to a peace officer as well as obstructing and hindering. Frey was arrested without incident at his place of employment.

On January 15, 2022, Sewell Frey contacted the Talbot County Department of Emergency Operations to file a complaint against a deputy. Frey alleged a Talbot County Deputy used excessive force during a traffic stop earlier that day. The Criminal Investigations Division conducted an administrative investigation, which is standard procedure anytime serious complaints of this nature are received by the Sheriff's Office. Investigators reviewed body camera footage, interviewed a witness and collected other evidence. It was proven the information provided by Frey was fabricated and the deputy was nothing but professional and courteous during the traffic stop.

Frey was arrested on March 24, 2022 and transported to the Talbot County Central Booking facility for processing and an initial appearance before a District Court Commissioner. Frey was held on a \$3,000 bond at the Talbot County Detention Center.



Sewell L. Frey, Jr.