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PRESS RELEASE

The Talbot County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Investigations Division has arrested Darren Lewis Stafford, 37, of Easton, Maryland for charges stemming from a poisoning investigation. Stafford was charged with Poison: Attempt, Contaminate Food or Drink, Assault - First Degree, Assault - Second Degree, Reckless Endangerment, and CDS Distribution.

On March 14, 2021 deputies with the Talbot County Sheriff's Office responded to University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton and met with the female victim. Lab testing showed Eutylone, a Schedule I Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS), was discovered in food Stafford had provided to the victim. Stafford was arrested in Accomack County, Virginia on August 30, 2022 and was extradited back to Maryland on September 6, 2022. Stafford was released on \$40,000 unsecured personal bond and his case is pending further court proceedings.

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