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## **Bushwood Man Prosecuted and Sentenced in Vehicle Theft Case**

**LEONARDTOWN, MD (June 2, 2026)** – State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling announced today that William Elliot Mitchell, Jr., 62, of Bushwood, Maryland, was sentenced to five years with eighteen months of active incarceration for the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle.

On April 21, 2025, deputies with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence on Woodbush Drive in reference to a report of a stolen Dodge Ram truck from a Waldorf car dealership. When deputies arrived, they observed the stolen Ram 2500 diesel pickup truck in question. The Ram truck had New Jersey plates and was attached to a dump trailer. Also observed on the property was a Kubota tractor. Both the trailer and the tractor were previously reported to have been stolen in 2023 by a separate victim.

“The theft of vehicles and other valuable equipment causes significant losses for businesses and property owners, which ultimately impacts our entire community,” said State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling. “We will continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners to identify and prosecute individuals who engage in property crimes.”

Assistant State's Attorney John Cardozo prosecuted the case on behalf of the citizens of St. Mary's County.

Corporal William Rishel of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office was the lead investigator.

The Honorable Amy Lorenzini presided over the case.

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