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## MEDIA RELEASE

January 22, 2021

**(Arrest/Wanted-Assault with Firearm Investigation)**

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One suspect is in custody and one suspect remains at large as a result of an assault with firearm that occurred late Tuesday evening.

On January 19, 2021 at approximately 9:36 in the evening, officers from the Salisbury Police Department responded to the 800 block of College Lane in reference to an assault with a firearm. Upon arrival, officers met with the 27-year-old female victim. The victim advised that she had responded to a residence on the 800 block of College Lane to meet with a former boyfriend, identified as 26-year-old Abel Yamil Rivera-Alvira, to obtain personal belongings. During her contact with Mr. Rivera-Alvira, the victim advised that Mr. Rivera-Alvira produced a knife and forced her to perform a sexual act.

During the course of the incident, Abel then displayed an "AK-47" style rifle and provided it to his brother, identified as 23-year-old Benjamin Rivera-Alvira. The victim was ultimately able to flee the residence and respond to her vehicle. The victim heard approximately two gunshots while she was fleeing to her vehicle and she also heard Abel telling Benjamin to shoot her. When she turned and looked she observed Benjamin holding the rifle and pointing it at her. The victim entered her vehicle and began to flee from the residence. The victim observed Benjamin enter a vehicle with the rifle. The victim subsequently contacted 9-1-1 wherein she provided law enforcement a description of Benjamin and the vehicle he was operating. A short time later, police officers from the Salisbury Police Department engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit with Benjamin. The vehicle was located, unoccupied, by Salisbury police officers in an alley way adjacent to Tilghman Street.

Salisbury police detectives conducted a search and seizure warrant on the vehicle Benjamin was operating wherein they recovered an American Tactical .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle with a suppresser. Both Abel and Benjamin were found to be prohibited from owning or possessing regulated firearms.

Abel Rivera-Alvira (pictured below) was located at his residence on the 800 block of College Lane and placed under arrest without incident. An application for charges was submitted to the District Court Commissioner's Office and a warrant for Benjamin Rivera-Alvira's arrest was issued.

The investigation is ongoing and the Salisbury Police Department requests anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the Salisbury Police Department Criminal Investigation Division at (410) 548-3165. Information can also be provided anonymously through Crime Solvers at (410) 548-1776. Crime Solvers will offer a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of Benjamin Rivera-Alvira (pictured below).

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**ARRESTED:**

Abel Rivera-Alvira, 26-years-of-age, Salisbury, MD

**CHARGES:**

First Degree Rape, Second Degree Rape, First Degree Assault, Second Degree Assault, Reckless Endangerment, Handgun on Person, Use of Firearm in Commission of Felony, Attempted First Degree Murder, Attempted Second Degree Murder

## **WANTED**



**WANTED:**

Benjamin Rivera-Alvira, 23-years-of age, Salisbury, MD

**CHARGES:**

First Degree Assault, Second Degree Assault, Reckless Endangerment, Handgun on Person, Use of Firearm in Commission of Felony, Firearm Possession with Felony Conviction

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