



# Salisbury Police Department

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Salisbury Police arrest suspect for a sexual assault that occurred in mid-December of 2020.

On January 4, 2021 at approximately 2:50 in the afternoon a member of the Salisbury Police Department was dispatched to the 400 block of Jefferson Street for the report of a sexual assault. The officer met with a 19-year-old female victim who alleged that on December 22, 2020 she and a male family member, identified as 42-year-old Santos Pineda-Martinez, were in the parking lot of the Center at Salisbury Mall speaking in Mr. Pineda-Martinez's vehicle. During the conversation, Mr. Pineda-Martinez was said to have threatened the life of the victim and other family members if she did not comply with his demands. Mr. Pineda-Martinez then allegedly pulled the victim to the rear of the vehicle and forced a sexual act upon the victim. The victim was ultimately able to flee from the vehicle. The victim later contacted the police to report the incident.

Through the course of the investigation, detectives were able to collect evidence of value and later identify Mr. Pineda-Martinez (pictured below) as the suspect in this incident. An application for charges was submitted to the District Court Commissioner wherein an arrest warrant was issued for Mr. Pineda-Martinez.

On July 26, 2021 at approximately 6:56 in the morning members of the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) and Salisbury Police Department Criminal Investigation Division located Mr. Pineda-Martinez at a residence on the 400 block of Priscilla Street. Mr. Pineda-Martinez was placed under arrest without incident. Mr. Pineda-Martinez was transported to the Salisbury Police Department, and then later released to the Wicomico County Detention Center where he had an initial appearance before a District Court Commissioner.

The Salisbury Police Department would like to thank CARFTF for their assistance in this investigation. CARFTF is an interjurisdictional law enforcement unit consisting of members of the US Marshals Service, Maryland State Police, Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, Salisbury Police Department, and Division of Parole and Probation (Salisbury Field Office).

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.

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**ARRESTED:**

Santos Pineda- Martinez, 42 years-of-age

**CHARGES:**

First Degree Rape  
Second Degree Rape  
First Degree Assault

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