

STATE OF MARYLAND

V.

DAYVON WEST

[REDACTED]

*Defendant.*

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CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR  
ST. MARY'S CO., MD.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY

TRACKING NO. 25-7018-00115-5

CASE NO. C-18-CR-26-000229

**CRIMINAL INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jurors for the State of Maryland, for the body of St. Mary's County, do on their oaths and affirmations, present the following:

**I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

1. DAYVON WEST ("WEST") was born on December 5, 1990.
2. WEST served as an employee of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office ("SMCSO") from March 2020 through July 2022, and then again beginning in May 2023. While employed by the SMCSO, WEST primarily worked as a Correctional Officer at the Saint Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center ("SMCDRC").
3. Correctional officers at the SMCDRC are responsible for, among other things, conducting the intake and booking process for newly incarcerated or detained individuals, including searching the individuals and conducting an inventory of their belongings. If incarcerated individuals or detainees go to the SMCDRC with currency, correctional officers are responsible for counting and documenting the currency.

## **II. THEFT OF FUNDS**

4. On February 28, 2026, at approximately 8:15 p.m., VICTIM 1 was arrested by a SMCSO Deputy.

5. When VICTIM 1 was arrested, she had a purse with an envelope that contained approximately \$3,640 in cash.

6. A SMCSO Deputy immediately transported VICTIM 1 and her belongings to SMCDRC and arrived at approximately 9:15 p.m. When VICTIM 1 arrived at SMCDRC, her purse contained the envelope with approximately \$3,640.

7. On February 28, 2026, WEST was working as a Correctional Officer on duty at SMCDRC and was responsible for conducting the booking process for detainees, including conducting an inventory of their belongings.

8. Beginning at approximately 10:19 p.m. through 10:21 p.m., WEST conducted a search of VICTIM 1's purse. During the search, WEST stole the envelope containing approximately \$3,640 in cash from VICTIM 1's purse without VICTIM 1's consent

9. WEST's shift at SMCDRC on February 28, 2026 ended at approximately 11:00 p.m. WEST did not return the envelope from VICTIM 1's purse prior to his departure from SMCDRC.

10. Beginning the next day, March 1, 2026, at approximately 1:16 a.m., and continuing until later the same morning, WEST utilized his cell phone to search for bank locations.

11. On March 1, 2026, WEST deposited \$2,000 cash into his Navy Federal Credit Union bank account utilizing an ATM in St. Mary's County.

12. Also on March 1, 2026, WEST made a \$1,878.48 rental payment to his apartment complex. Without the \$2,000 cash deposit on March 1, 2026, WEST would not have had sufficient funds to make the \$1,878.48 rental payment.

**COUNT ONE**  
Misconduct in Office

13. On approximately February 28, 2026, at St. Mary's County, Maryland, DAYVON WEST, in violation and perversion of his duties as a Correctional Officer at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center, did corruptly commit misconduct in office by knowingly, willfully, and intentionally acting in his official capacity to steal funds from VICTIM 1, a detainee at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center for whom WEST was conducting an inventory search, without VICTIM 1's consent, in violation of the Common Law of Maryland and against the peace, government, and dignity of the State.

**Common Law**  
**CJIS Code 2-0645**  
**Penalty: Anything not cruel and unusual**

**COUNT TWO**  
Theft Over \$1,500

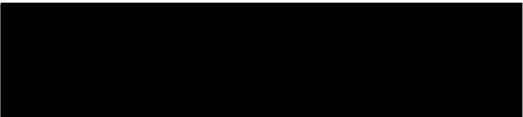
14. On approximately February 28, 2026, at St. Mary's County, Maryland, DAYVON WEST did steal monies, cash, or funds from VICTIM 1, having a value of \$3,640, at least \$1,500 but less than \$25,000, in violation of Criminal Law Article, § 7-104 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and against the peace, government, and dignity of the State.

**CR 7-104**  
**CJIS Code 1-1136**  
**Penalty: 5 years and/or \$10,000**

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Witness:

  
  
St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office

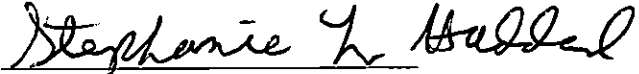
## NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

### TO THE PERSON CHARGED:

1. This paper charges you with committing a crime.
2. If you have been arrested and remain in custody, you have the right to have a judicial officer decide whether you should be released from jail until your trial.
3. If you have been served with a citation or summons directing you to appear before a judicial officer for a preliminary inquiry at a date and time designated or within five days of service if no time is designated, a judicial officer will advise you of your rights, the charges against you, and penalties. The preliminary inquiry will be cancelled if a lawyer has entered an appearance to represent you.
4. You have the right to have a lawyer.
5. A lawyer can be helpful to you by:
  - (A) explaining the charges in this paper;
  - (B) telling you the possible penalties;
  - (C) Explaining any potential collateral consequences of a conviction, including immigration consequences;
  - (D) helping you at trial;
  - (E) helping you protect your constitutional rights; and
  - (F) helping you to get a fair penalty if convicted.
6. Even if you plan to plead guilty, a lawyer can be helpful.
7. If you are eligible, the Public Defender or a court-appointed attorney will represent you at any initial appearance before a judicial officer and at any proceeding under Rule 4-216.2 to review an order of a District Court commissioner regarding pretrial release. If you want a lawyer for any further proceeding, including trial, but do not have the money to hire one, the Public Defender may provide a lawyer for you. To apply for Public Defender representation, contact a District Court Commissioner.
8. If you want a lawyer but you cannot get one and the Public Defender will not provide one for you, contact the Court Clerk as soon as possible.
9. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DATE OF YOUR TRIAL TO GET A LAWYER.** If you do not have a lawyer before the trial date, you may have to go to trial without one.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Notice to Defendant was attached to the above Criminal Indictment when filed.

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