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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 11/06/2015 UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON DEPUTY LEADS TO ARREST

On 11/05/15, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office arrested Jose Misael Reyes-Reyes, age 18 of Frederick, on charges of second-degree assault on a police officer, two counts of second-degree assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, obstructing and hindering, rogue and vagabond, and two counts of disorderly intoxication.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., Deputy First Class Greg Morton was on scene investigating a minor traffic accident involving a Frederick County Government vehicle in the 1400 block of Key Parkway in Frederick. While in his marked police vehicle completing the accident report, Reyes-Reyes started banging on the back driver's side window. When Dfc. Morton turned to look in the direction of the disturbance, Reyes-Reyes reached through the front driver's side window, which was half way down, and struck Dfc. Morton in the face and neck with his fist. Dfc. Morton pushed Reyes-Reyes away from his vehicle with the vehicle door, and verbally commanded him to get on the ground, while pointing his Taser at him. Dfc. Morton placed Reyes-Reyes under arrest in handcuffs, but when Reyes-Reyes was stood up he began kicking Dfc. Morton in an attempt to get away. Dfc. Morton regained control of Reyes-Reyes and waited on the arrival of assisting deputies and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Records at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center (FCADC) indicate Reyes-Reyes was previously arrested in June of 2015 on charges of malicious destruction of property and May 2015 on a charge related to carrying a concealed deadly weapon. While being booked and processed during those arrests, it was determined through the 287g Program (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] partnership) that Reyes-Reyes is in the United States illegally, had been released on an ICE bond due to an encounter by U.S. Border Patrol and was awaiting a deportation hearing. It was also confirmed that Reyes-Reyes is a validated MS13 gang member.

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Reyes-Reyes was transported by ambulance to Frederick Memorial Hospital as a precaution. Upon release he was transported to the FCADC's Central Booking Unit for processing. Dfc. Morton was treated on scene by EMS for minor injuries to his face and neck.

Sheriff Chuck Jenkins stated, "I am very concerned and disturbed that a deputy was the target of this unprovoked assault and I am very concerned with what is going on across the country with law enforcement being targeted. The current climate is placing a great amount of stress on law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties. This could have been a more serious situation and it should be noted that Dfc. Morton demonstrated great restraint in his reaction to the attack by Reyes-Reyes."

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