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EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
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PRESS RELEASE

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1. **Harassment:** On September 14, 2015 the Easton Police Department served a criminal summons on 56 year old Michael Brophy of Easton. According to the summons it is alleged that during the period of March 1, 2015 to September 8, 2015 Brophy repeatedly harassed Joanna Silver-Sparta. The summons charges Brophy with one count of harassment. Brophy was free to go after receiving the summons.
2. **Harassment:** On September 14, 2015 the Easton Police Department served a criminal summons on 60 year old Joanna Sparta of Easton. According to the summons it is alleged that during the period of May 29, 2015 to September 8, 2015 repeatedly harassed Emmabeth Conley. It is also alleged that during this same time period Sparta took a number of photographs of Conley and of her children without permission or knowledge. On September 8, 2015 Sparta allegedly email Conley's employer and made slanderous remarks. The summons charges Sparta with one count of each charge: harassment; peeping tom; and electronic mail harassment. Sparta was free to go after receiving the summons.
3. **Drug Possession:** On September 14, 2015 at approximately 12:23 PM an Easton officer was in the area of Dover Rd and Teal Drive when he observed the driver of a Nissan Maxima not wearing his seatbelt. The officer stopped the vehicle during which time the officer became suspicious that something more was afoot. A Talbot County Sheriffs Department K9 team arrived to assist with

the investigation and a short time later a search was conducted on the vehicle. The passenger of the vehicle, 28 year old Stephanie Marie Trippett of Rhodesdale, was arrested when heroin and paraphernalia was located in her purse. Trippett was charged with the following: CDS possession not marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Trippett was released on her own recognizance by a Talbot County Court Commissioner.

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