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Re: State v. Jessica Mary Hubbard

On Friday, March 13, 2026, Jessica Mary Hubbard, 33, of Abingdon, Maryland pled guilty to Organized Retail Theft, Theft Scheme, Second Degree Assault, and two counts of Theft having a value between \$100 and \$1,500 in four criminal cases before the Honorable Judge Paul Ishak in the Circuit Court for Harford County.

Facts presented in support of the plea proved that on multiple dates between August 2025 and January 2026, the Defendant stole merchandise from numerous Harford County locations, including BJ's Wholesale Club, Kohl's, Target, Lowe's Home Improvement, Walmart, and Dick's Sporting Goods, totaling \$8,395.06. Hubbard would enter these locations, fill her cart with merchandise, pass all points of sale, and make no effort to pay prior to exiting the stores. Following a coordinated investigative effort with the Harford County Sheriff's Office and loss prevention at each of the named locations, Hubbard was arrested and charged.

Following the conviction, the Defendant was sentenced to fifteen (15) years of incarceration, suspending all but five (5) years to serve, followed by three years of supervised probation upon release. She was also banned from the named locations and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$7,747.37. This was a significant upward deviation from this Defendant's Maryland Sentencing guidelines, which suggested a sentence of probation to two years of incarceration. This sentence, at the recommendation of Senior Assistant State's Attorney Melissa Moloney, was two and a half times more than the top of those guidelines.

State's Attorney Alison M. Healey issued the following statement at the conclusion of the hearing: "In Harford County, we aggressively pursue justice in all criminal matters, big and small. I commend the Harford County Sheriff's Office for taking a zero-tolerance approach to retail theft as we continue our partnership to ensure safe communities. All crimes impact public safety, regardless of their nature. I would also like to thank Senior Assistant State's Attorney Melissa Moloney for her commitment and advocacy in this case. A tremendous amount of time and effort goes into these convictions which involve multiple incidents. I am thankful for the efforts and partnerships of all those involved that brought these cases to a close. Let this be a strong message from the Harford County law enforcement team that there is no such thing as a "smaller crime" in Harford County. If you break the law, you will be held accountable under my administration."

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