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Charges against St. Mary's watermen dismissed

By JOHN WHARTON [\[email protected\]](#) Oct 19, 2016

St. Mary's prosecutors dropped all charges on Thursday against a waterman from a fishing permit's transfer, after he agreed to turn it over to another man who a prosecutor said also will receive \$10,000.

In addition to dismissing the charges including perjury and theft that were filed last August against 62-year-old Robert M. Lumpkins of Piney Point, a prosecutor also dismissed identical charges against 28-year-old Ryan Marshall Edwards, also of Piney Point. Sharon Lea Hammett, a 63-year-old Leonardtown resident, faces trial in December on charges of counterfeiting a public seal and misconduct in office, in charging papers alleging she took part as a notary in the transfer in September of last year of a permit that, according to court papers filed by Maryland Natural Resources Police, was the property of David O'Donnell McKenney.