

Woman will stay in jail until July 7 trial date on theft charges

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La Plata, MD - It has been a long road for Megan Marie Scott, 29 of Crownsville.

Scott, in Charles County Circuit Court Tuesday, June 16 for a bail review, has been in jail since January 2013 since her arrest on a string of charges including first-degree burglary, second-degree burglary, theft of \$1,000 to under \$10,000 and conspiracy to commit first- and second-degree burglary.

"We were here in court May 4," Scott's attorney, Jonathan Haskell told Charles County Circuit Court Judge Amy J. Bragunier. "As you recall, Ms. Scott has been incarcerated for some time pending the required bail review. She's been told the Charles County Health Department can't accept her because she doesn't have an address."

Scott is scheduled to stand trial July 7.

Haskell was asking the court to release his client pending her trial.

"She is unable to post bond because she's been incarcerated so long now," he said.

Charles County Assistant State's Attorney Francis Granados said he was concerned that if released, Scott would not show up to court and would "fall off the wagon," a reference to the defendant's past drug use.

"She hasn't completed treatment at the detention center," he said. "I don't think it's appropriate" to release her, Granados stated.

"I'm very concerned about that," Bragunier said, denying the motion to release her from jail, calling her a flight risk.

Haskell told the judge "She doesn't have access to funds. She's been in jail for a year and a half."

Bragunier's decision, however, determined Scott would stay at the Charles County Detention Center until her jury trial July 7.

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