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## **HB 1144 - State Public Transit Service and Stations - Exclusion for Assault and Bodily Injury** Favorable House Environment & Transportation Committee February 20th, 2025

### **Story of Sherrell Austin**

Bus Operator at Northwest Bus Division for Maryland Transit Administration

Sherrell came across the same guy referenced in Chantese's story. He got into a verbal altercation with her. He was on her bus, smoking and playing music. After Sherrell asked him to stop, the two of them got into an argument. He exited the bus and started making threats to her, saying "You just wait." He ran across the street and retrieved a rottweiler dog and tried to bring it onto the bus to attack her. She called the MTA Police. The guy started to smack the mirrors and mess with the bike rack in an attempt to get her off the vehicle. He took the dog back across the street and she used this opportunity to let passengers off the bus and onto another bus that pulled up. The man then attempted to board the bus again. He then attempted to use a knife to attack her through the operator's side window. This story occurred within the last month.