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Robert A. Wood Jr. Investigation Results in No Criminal Charges

A comprehensive criminal investigation, which began when Robert A. Wood Jr. was reported missing on October 23, 2011, was provided to the Hanover Commonwealth's Attorney Trip Chalkley and a determination has been made that there is no information to support a criminal charge.

The investigation revealed that the circumstances that led to the Robert A. Wood Jr. missing child investigation did not rise to the level that would necessitate criminal charges. In addition, there is conclusive evidence that Robert A. Wood Jr. was in the wooded area alone, near the North Anna Battlefield Park, between October 23, when he was reported missing, and October 28, when he was found by a citizen.

The citizen who found Robert A. Wood Jr. has cooperated fully with Investigators and every aspect of his discovery has been validated. There is no cause whatsoever to conclude that his actions were anything other than honorable.

"Members of the Sheriff's Office joined the community in celebration when Robert was reunited with his family. The days leading up to his rescue developed into an unprecedented and coordinated public safety response. The unique quality of the strategy was the utilization of thousands of citizens in the search effort. Their deployment into search grids allowed a wider area to be covered in a relatively brief period of time. Our goal now is to ensure that our sincere thanks and gratitude reach the ears of those who participated in any way to the search effort," said Colonel David R. Hines, Sheriff of Hanover County.

This incident is a stark reminder of the benefits of the Project Lifesaver program. This program is offered in all metro Richmond jurisdictions and, if used properly, can allow for the quick recovery of lost persons. Residents of Hanover County who would like to find out more about the Project Lifesaver program are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office.

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