



***Hanover County Sheriff's Office***  
*Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff*



***News Release***

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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office has determined that the suspicious encounter reported by two young children in the Kings Charter neighborhood was a prank administered by local teenagers.

Investigators have received acknowledgments and statements of regret from three teens that were responsible for asking an 8-year-old and a 5-year-old if they wanted some candy, as the children played in the front yard of a King's Charter residence on January 4, 2006. This incident raised significant concern throughout the Atlee area and the Sheriff's Office utilized significant resources to reassure those residents that everything was being done to ensure their community was safe.

"It is unfortunate that this incident ever occurred, but it does serve as a stark reminder of the dangers that are posed by the world we live in. We are reminded that our best defense is to be constantly aware of those threats and to utilize every available resource to prevent them," said V. Stuart Cook.

If you have any questions regarding this incident, please contact Sergeant Michael J. Trice at 804-365-6230 or by e-mail at [mjtrice@co.hanover.va.us](mailto:mjtrice@co.hanover.va.us)