



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



News Release

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Early in the afternoon on April 15, 2005, Hanover County Public School Officials at Oak Knoll Middle School recovered a list containing names of several students along with concerning comments.

School Officials then brought the issue to the attention of the School Resource Officer. School Officials subsequently contacted the parents of each student on this list. The 7th grade student who wrote the list and his parents have been contacted. Investigators are currently evaluating all aspects of this incident.

The investigation is ongoing and the Sheriff's Office will work with the School and the parents to determine the appropriate response when all relevant information has been obtained.

The Hanover Sheriff's Office assigns Deputies to the middle and high schools in the county to ensure the safety of the students and faculty. The School Resource Officers develop working relationships with the students and the staff that aid in the prevention and identification of any safety concerns. This morning in an effort to reassure students, parents, and faculty, additional law enforcement resources were on hand to address any concerns. That additional presence will remain in place until this matter has been resolved.

The Hanover Sheriff's Office takes all matters occurring at our schools seriously and will continue to work with Hanover County Public Schools to ensure a safe learning environment for all students.

Please contact Sergeant Michael J. Trice at (804) 365-6230 with any questions regarding this release.

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