



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



**News Release**

Contact Sergeant Michael J. Trice (804) 365-6230

04/22/2005

Early in the afternoon of 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. The list was subsequently turned over to the School Resource Officer.

An investigation was initiated by the Sheriff's Office that involved a thorough interview with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade student who drafted the document and his parents. Also interviewed were dozens of affected students and their parents in an effort to recover all relevant information related to this incident.

After having obtained all the necessary information the case was presented to Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Pat Bell. A petition was then obtained for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade student that drafted this list charging him with communicating a written threat on school property, which is a felony. As of today, April 22, 2005, the matter is under the jurisdiction of the Hanover County Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court.

This incident not only impacted those students directly related to the list, but all students attending Oak Knoll Middle School. The courageous manner in which each of these students addressed this incident should be commended. It is through the cooperative and open relationships among the Sheriff's Office, the Hanover Schools, parents, and students that make certain a safe learning environment for our youth. Forming these bonds ensures a level of trust and open communication and allows security concerns to be addressed promptly and professionally.

If you have any questions regarding this release please contact Sergeant Michael J. Trice at (804) 365-6230.

Colonel V. Stuart Cook  
Sheriff