



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



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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office arrests a Westmoreland County man on two counts of solicitation to commit capital murder (18.2-29).

On November 29, 2005, Hanover County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Investigators arrested Garnett Clayton Horner III, a 50-year-old white male of Montross, Virginia, in Westmoreland County for solicitation to commit capital murder against an unnamed associate and an Investigator with the Hanover County Sheriff's Office. Horner was armed with a handgun at the time of his arrest.

Between November 10 and November 29, 2005, Horner approached an individual with a criminal case pending in Hanover County with an offer to murder the arresting officer and the unnamed associate. The offer was made to eliminate the possibility of conviction on the individual with criminal matters pending in court. On November 29, 2005, while under the surveillance of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office and the Virginia State Police, Horner accepted US Currency in order to consummate the murder for hire.

This case involving Garnett Horner III is a product of an on-going narcotics investigation that was initiated in February 2005. Investigators are engaged in an extensive cocaine and methamphetamine distribution investigation that currently extends to multiple jurisdictions in central Virginia. The Sheriff's Office has partnered with the Metro Area DEA Task Force to ensure all necessary resources are utilized in the identification and apprehension of all offenders.

"This case highlights our determination to dismantle drug operations and the unfortunate reality of the risks involved in these investigations. Hanover County is fortunate to have Narcotics Investigators that perform their duties in a professional and effective manner while often dealing with threats to their own well being. They deserve our gratitude and admiration," said Colonel V. Stuart Cook.



Garnett Clayton Horner III

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