



NEWS RELEASE

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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office arrests a high school student for a felony assault against a School Resource Officer.

Today, the Hanover County Sheriff's Office arrested a 16-year-old high school student for aggravated malicious wounding after assaulting a deputy at Hanover High School. At this time, the juvenile is in the process of being committed to a juvenile detention facility as a result of this incident. The officer involved in this incident sustained several lacerations during this struggle which required medical attention at a local hospital. This incident occurred in a confined area of the school and at no time were any students in harm's way. Additionally, there were no weapons involved.

At approximately noon today, a School Resource Officer working at Hanover High School was called to assist school administrators with a disorderly student. When the deputy attempted to resolve the situation, the juvenile, who is a former alternative education student, became increasingly more belligerent at which point the officer attempted to arrest the student. Subsequently, the student resisted arrest and a struggle between the deputy and student ensued. Eventually, the deputy was able to take the student into custody before additional officers arrived on scene. Due to the severity of the wounds the officer sustained during this encounter, the officer was transported to a nearby hospital in order to receive immediate medical attention. After several hours, the officer was treated and released.

The Sheriff's Office will continue to work closely with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and Hanover County Schools to ensure that all appropriate criminal charges and disciplinary measures are carried out against this individual.

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