



News Release

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Hanover County Sheriff's Office in coordination with the King William Sheriff's Office stopped traffic on Mechanicsville Turnpike for nearly an hour this morning to manage a suicidal subject.

At approximately 3:30 a.m. today, May 29th, the Sheriff's Office responded to Mechanicsville Turnpike near the county line with King William for a report of a male subject walking in the roadway and nearly getting struck by passing vehicles. Deputies from Hanover County communicated with the King William Sheriff's Office and stopped eastbound and westbound traffic until the subject could be located.

When Deputies located the distraught male, approximately ½ mile west of King William County, he was armed with a knife and had already cut himself. Deputies attempted to calm the individual, later identified as a 26-year-old male from King William.

During the interaction with Hanover Deputies, the subject aggressively approached several officers, while still yielding the knife, at which time a Taser was used to incapacitate the subject. He was subsequently taken into custody and transported to a local hospital to treat his self inflicted injuries and for a mental evaluation.

The Hanover Sheriff's Office would like to thank the King William Sheriff's Office and the many citizens traveling on Mechanicsville Turnpike during this incident for their support and cooperation.

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