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### **COUPLE ARRESTED ON MULTIPLE CHILD ABUSE CHARGES**

SUFFOLK, VA (December 6, 2019) Suffolk Police responded to a residence in the 1200 block of Holland Road on Thursday evening, December 5, 2019, at approximately 7:57 p.m. after receiving a tip about alleged child abuse.

Upon preliminary investigation, it was determined that the couple, James Ray Peck, age 50, and April Marie Peck, age 45, had custody of four juveniles that were living at the residence in unsanitary conditions. Drug paraphernalia was also found at the residence.

A juvenile male was located by Officers physically restrained in a bathroom of the home. The child was ground transported to CHKD for medical observation.

They were both arrested on charges including Abduction & Kidnapping; Abuse and Neglect of Children; and Cruelty and Injuries to Children. They are currently in custody at the Western Tidewater Regional Jail. Mug shots attached.

Child Protective Services responded and the children were removed from the home.

The investigation remains ongoing at this time and additional charges could be filed.

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