

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MANUFACTURING OF METHAMPHETAMINE SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED AT SUFFOLK TOWERS**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 14, 2016) – The State Police SWAT team executed a manufacturing of methamphetamine search warrant which was obtained by the Suffolk Police Department Special Investigative Unit at an apartment unit at Suffolk Towers, located in the 100 block of North Main Street in downtown Suffolk, this morning at approximately 6:15 a.m.

The State Police Clandestine Laboratory Response Team entered the premises to sweep the room to verify if any hazards related to the manufacturing of methamphetamines were encountered. Upon their initial investigation it was determined that no evacuations of the building were required.

Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews were on scene and provided Fire & Life Safety support. Responding units included an Engine, Ladder, Rescue unit, Hazardous Materials Trailer, Rehab Bus, and Communications Bus.

Several streets in downtown Suffolk were affected this morning as a result of the investigation with detours in place, including North Main Street from East Washington to Finney Avenue, Saratoga Street from West Washington Street to Market Street northbound only, Market Street at Saratoga Street up to North Main Street, and Bank Street from Commerce Street to North Main Street. Only Saratoga Street between Market Street and West Washington Street and Market Street between Main Street and Saratoga Street will remain closed for an undetermined amount of time as the investigation continues.

The Suffolk Sheriff's Office was prepared to provide temporary shelter at the Godwin Courts Building if any evacuations were deemed necessary. There are 60 apartment units in the building.

Frank Edward Wilson-Arthur, age 34, of the 100 block of North Main Street is a person of interest in this investigation. He currently has active warrants on charges of Domestic Assault and Strangulation.

Anyone with information related to the whereabouts of Wilson-Arthur is asked to contact Crime Line at 1-888-Lock-U-Up<sup>SM</sup>. When calling Crime Line, callers do not have to give their names or appear in court. Citizens can also utilize TipSoft to anonymously submit crime-related tips through the Web, a text message, or from any Android or iPhone mobile device with the [TipSubmit mobile app](#). Tips can be submitted by visiting [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com), or by texting the word "**CRIMES**" (274637) with the keyword **SPDVATIP**. TipSoft also supports users' ability to submit videos or photos using the TipSoft mobile app. If information leads to an arrest, the caller or "tipster" could qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000.

The investigation remains ongoing at this time and no further information is available.

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