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SUFFOLK POLICE FILE ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOLLOWING FURTHER INVESTIGATION

SUFFOLK, VA (September 22, 2016) Suffolk Police advise that additional charges have been placed against Richard Lee Morris, age 47, of Suffolk, on September 22, 2016.

Morris was at Suffolk Police Headquarters this afternoon on a related matter when he was served with the additional warrants. After further investigation stemming from the initial complaint, Morris has been additionally charged with three felony counts of Cruelty & Injuries to Children, three felony counts of Child Endangerment, three misdemeanor counts of Domestic Assault involving a minor, and two misdemeanor counts of Domestic Assault involving an adult female family member. All of the additional incidents involved the same victims as earlier reported and occurred on various dates in 2016.

Morris was arrested on the additional charges and transported to Western Tidewater Regional Jail where he was given a \$1,500 secured bond and has since been released. The investigation into this matter remains ongoing and no additional details are available.

On September 21, 2016 Suffolk Police initially reported that Morris was arrested on the evening of September 20, 2016 on two misdemeanor counts of Assault & Battery, Family Member, and one felony count of Cruelty & Injuries to Children. He was released from Western Tidewater Regional Jail shortly before 1:00 a.m. on September 21, 2016 on \$1,500 bond on the initial charges.

As it relates to the specified charges in the initial report, on September 20, 2016 Suffolk Police made contact with the male juvenile victim, a family member, in reference to a Child Protective Services complaint. It was found the victim was assaulted by the listed offender on September 16, 2016 and sustained injuries consistent with excessive physical discipline.

Also on that date, Suffolk Police made contact with the adult female victim in reference to a Child Protective Services complaint of child and family abuse. It was found the adult female victim, a family member, was assaulted by the listed offender on December 23, 2015 when a verbal altercation escalated and became physical. The victim suffered injuries as a result of this domestic assault and sought medical treatment.

The Suffolk Police Department does not provide the names of victims of domestic violence. These alleged incidents all occurred at the family residence in the 300 block of Babbtown Road.

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