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### ARREST MADE IN CHILD ABUSE CASE

SUFFOLK, VA (April 1, 2015) Francis Marion Monahan, Jr., age 70, of Suffolk was arrested today following a sealed Direct Indictment. He has been charged with 46 counts of Indecent Liberties with a Child, 6 counts of Forcible Sodomy, 20 counts of Aggravated Sexual Battery, and 6 counts of Object Sexual Penetration. These charges are related to incidents that occurred during the time period of June 1993 and August 1997. The victim was between the ages of 8 and 13 years of age at the time of the offenses.

Monahan is currently being held at the Western Tidewater Regional Jail.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Suffolk Detective Bureau at 757.514.7930, or 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.suffolkva.us/crimelinetips](http://www.suffolkva.us/crimelinetips), 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.

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