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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (September 29, 2015) Suffolk Police advise that following their preliminary investigation Amanda Lynn Hardison, age 32, the wife of the subject taken into custody earlier this morning, has also been arrested related to the manufacturing of methamphetamine.

The Virginia State Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) were on site throughout the afternoon working to remove the hazardous byproducts from the site. This activity required that they don hazardous materials suits and self-contained breathing apparatus for personal protection. In support of the hazardous work performed by both agencies, crews from Suffolk Fire & Rescue remained on the scene to provide fire protection, medical care if needed, rehab and general scene safety. The residence was tagged as condemned by the State Police Task Force.

During the investigation it was determined that four juveniles have been present during the manufacturing of methamphetamine at the residence. Two of the juveniles were on scene during this morning's initial response, and two were picked up at their school. All were transported to Sentara Obici Hospital for medical evaluation due to their exposure to the toxic chemicals associated with the methamphetamine production. Child Protective Services responded and assisted with child placement.

Michael Curtis Hardison, Jr. and Amanda Lynn Hardison have both been charged with Manufacturing Methamphetamine, Conspiracy to Manufacture Methamphetamine and four counts of Manufacturing Methamphetamine while a child is present.

The investigation remains ongoing and additional charges are possible.

SUBJECT ARRESTED FOLLOWING VEHICLE PURSUIT

SUFFOLK, VA (September 29, 2015) Suffolk Police were involved in a vehicle pursuit earlier this morning following several calls from the public related to a suspected drunk driver and a vehicle being operated recklessly in the area of North Main Street and Constance Road in downtown Suffolk at approximately 8:20 a.m.

An Officer came into contact with the vehicle, a Ford Mustang, and the driver demonstrated traits of driving under the influence and the pursuit extended from Portsmouth Boulevard/Route 58 into Chesapeake. The Chesapeake Police Department also became involved and the vehicle eventually traveled back into Suffolk where the pursuit again continued.

Officers were able to confirm the address of the suspect based on the vehicle registration and responded to the 300 block of S. Broad Street, where the vehicle returned at approximately 9:08 a.m. and the subject attempted to flee the vehicle and run into the residence. He was tased by Officers and taken into custody. He was ground transported to Sentara Obici Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

The subject, Michael Curtis Hardison, Jr., age 44, was found to be a wanted federal fugitive by the U.S. Marshal's Office. While taking the subject into custody Officers could smell a heavy odor of ammonia emanating from the residence and saw items believed to be suspicious. The State Police is also involved and is assisting the Suffolk Police Department in searching the residence for possible drug manufacturing.

Crews from Suffolk Fire & Rescue are also on scene.

A female at the residence was also taken into custody and is currently being questioned. Two children under the age of 5 were at the residence and Child Protective Services is also on scene.

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

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