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COUPLE ARRESTED FOLLOWING DIRECT INDICTMENTS ON CHARGES INCLUDING ATTEMPTED CAPITAL MURDER

SUFFOLK, VA (October 14, 2020) Suffolk Police advise of the arrest of a couple on multiple charges, including Attempted Capital Murder, following Direct Indictments related to incidents that occurred on December 18, 2019.

Jesse Lee Barber, age 39, of Poquoson, VA, and April Lynn White, age 39, of Dutton, VA, were each arrested following Direct Indictment on October 13, 2020, on a total of 18 charges, including Attempted Capital Murder – Robbery (2 counts), Attempted Capital Murder – Abduction, Attempted First Degree Murder, Abduction – Extort Money or Immoral Purpose (2 counts), Robbery – Residence (2 counts), Aggravated Malicious Wounding, Strangle Another Causing Wounding or Injury, Shoot/Stab/Cut or Wound in Commission of a Felony, Credit Card Theft (4 counts), Unlawful Use or Injury to Telephone Lines, and Destruction of Property. Barber remains in custody at Western Tidewater Regional Jail since his initial arrest date of December 18, 2019, and White is also being held at Western Tidewater Regional Jail since her initial arrest date of December 19, 2019.

Upon preliminary investigation, it was determined that the alleged incidents occurred during the afternoon of Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at a residence located in the 3200 block of Holland Road owned by the adult female victim. Both of the arrestees were roommates of the victim at the time of the alleged incidents, however, they had been previously advised that they needed to vacate the residence. On the date in question, the victim arrived home and was allegedly physically attacked and then restrained against her will by both individuals. During the course of the altercation, the victim's phone was destroyed and a wallet containing credit cards was taken. The couple was picked up from the residence by an acquaintance, and the victim was able to then seek assistance from a neighbor who contacted Suffolk Police.

Mug shots for both Barber and White are attached.



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