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Press Release

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On March 26, 2020 at approximately 10:15 am deputies with the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office responded to the 4000 block of Pinebrook Court for a report of gun shots. When deputies arrived, the homeowners stated that 21-year-old Thomas Hale of Ruther Glen arrived at this location to drop off a child he shared in common with a female who resides at the residence. He and the women had apparently ended their relationship the night before. Moments after he dropped the child off, Hale returned to the residence and began vandalizing the female victim's vehicle. The female's grandfather came out to confront Hale and it was at that time Hale produced a handgun and began firing at the both of them. Fortunately, neither of them were struck. Hale left prior to the deputies' arrival. A look out for Hale was sent to Caroline County and moments later, two Caroline County Sheriff's Office deputies located his vehicle off of Jericho Road. As the Caroline County deputies approached Hale's vehicle, he threw the handgun out of the vehicle. They were able to detain him without incident. Thomas Hale was taken into custody by Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office and charged with Misdemeanor Vandalism, Misdemeanor willfully discharging firearm in public and 2 counts of Felony attempted Malicious wounding. Thomas was held at the Rappahannock Regional Jail under no bond.

On March 27, 2020 at approximately 10:30 pm deputies with the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office responded to the 11100 block of Stalbridge Court in reference to gun shots. Upon their arrival, several witnesses were interviewed and the investigation led deputies and detectives to an address off of Stalbridge Court. A search warrant was executed at the residence where, 20 year-old Elijah Gunnels of Spotsylvania County was arrested and charged with Willfully discharging a firearm in public and brandishing a firearm. The firearm was also located in the residence.

During the investigation, Elijah eluded to arguing with a subject. That individual was subsequently located and confirmed the two had exchanged “words”. It was unclear at this time what the argument was about however the victim was not struck by any of the bullets.

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