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FUGITIVE LOSES GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK WITH AUTHORITIES

On January 10, 2023 at approximately 9:15PM, Spotsylvania Deputies assisted the Arlington County Police Department in locating a wanted fugitive. Arlington Police Officers observed Nigere Willingham in the 11000 block of Newbury Court. While Spotsylvania Deputies were responding to the area, the Arlington Officers also observed the suspect abusing/injuring a dog. As officers attempted to take Mr. Willingham into custody, he fled into the home barricading himself. Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) responded to the scene along with the Crisis Negotiation Team. After five-hours of numerous unsuccessful attempts of negotiating, the SWAT team made entry into the home. The suspect was located in the attic underneath insulation. Nigere Dominic Willingham, 38 years of age from Arlington, VA was taken into custody without further incident and incarcerated under no bond in the Rappahannock Regional Jail for the following charges:

Alexandria- Felony strangulation and misdemeanor assault and battery.

Arlington- Felony strangulation, misdemeanor assault and battery and obstruction of a wireless device.

Spotsylvania- Obstruction of justice. Animal cruelty charges are pending further investigation and treatment.

The injured dog was transported by animal control officers to a local emergency animal hospital where it is being treated for a serious injury.

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