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MEDIA RELEASE

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****Suspect wanted in Malicious Wounding and Abduction Incident ****

[Hopewell, VA] – On Friday, April 8, 2022 at approximately 9:00 a.m. a Hopewell woman was abducted and assaulted by her ex-boyfriend. The offender then continued to drive through Hopewell, Colonial Heights and Chesterfield County while preventing the victim from contacting family, friends or police and assaulting her continuously. The victim was able to escape when the offender stopped his vehicle allowing her to jump out while in Chesterfield County. The offender has been identified as Mr. Ralph Pemberton Jr. He is described as a white male, 57 years of age, brown hair, green eyes, 5'11" in height, and 180 pounds, with a medium build. Please see the attached photo. Mr. Pemberton Jr. is wanted out of Hopewell for Abduction, Strangulation, Malicious Wounding and Violating a Protective Order. He is also wanted out of Chesterfield for Kidnapping, Robbery and Assault as well as having an existing warrant from the Department of Corrections for a Parole Violation.

****UPDATE**** - On Friday, April 8, 2022 around 4:50 p.m. Mr. Pemberton Jr. was safely taken into custody in Colonial Heights due to the coordinated efforts of the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force, Hopewell Police, Chesterfield County Police and the Colonial Heights Police Departments.

Members of the Hopewell Police Department Criminal Investigations Unit have initiated an investigation into this incident. The Hopewell Police Department is requesting that any person(s) who may have any information to provide, to contact Lead Detective Mark Polumbo of the Hopewell Criminal Investigations Unit at (804) 541-2284. Persons with information on this crime and who wish to remain anonymous may contact the Hopewell Prince George Crime Solvers hotline in Hopewell at (804) 541-2202 or provide their tip using the P3tips mobile app.

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