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INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES

FARMVILLE, VA - William C. Duckworth, age 27 of Farmville, was recently indicted by a Prince Edward County Grand Jury for Attempted First Degree Murder and other felony charges following an extensive investigation into an attack upon a female family member. On March 24, 2016 the Farmville Police Department responded to the 500 block of Landon St. reference an assault. The victim was found to be suffering from numerous injuries and was transported to Centra Southside Community Hospital by the Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad. Due to the severity of her injuries, the victim was transported to MCV/VCU in Richmond where she was subsequently found to be suffering from chemical burns on the face, broken ribs, a fractured vertebrae, and a bleed on the brain.

During the preliminary investigation, the victim advised that Duckworth had assaulted her, injected her with insulin, and held an ammonia soaked rag over her face. Based on the victim's statement and the nature of the observed injuries, a Malicious Wounding warrant was obtained from a magistrate until detectives had an opportunity to conduct a more thorough interview of the victim and complete a detailed investigation. Duckworth was arrested later that evening and has been held at Piedmont Regional Jail since that time.

As the investigation continued, detectives executed multiple search warrants, conducted numerous interviews, and submitted items of potential evidence to the Department of Forensic Science for laboratory examination. By July, and after consulting with the Prince Edward County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, police had gathered enough evidence to charge Duckworth with Attempted Murder. After obtaining the final results of the laboratory exams, the evidence was submitted to the Grand Jury in November. The Grand Jury delivered a True Bill on the initial Malicious Wounding and Attempted Murder warrants.

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They also found probable cause to direct indict Duckworth with Aggravated Malicious Wounding, Abduction, Administering/or Attempting to Administer Poison, and Causing Bodily Injury by a Caustic Substance.

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