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POLICE INVESTIGATE ASSAULT

Farmville, VA. – Farmville Police are investigating the assault of a man whose body was discovered in the parking lot of the Town Motel on West Third Street Early Sunday morning.

Police responded to 1708 West Third Street shortly after 1:30 a.m. to investigate a call for service reported to be a victim of an apparent assault that was not breathing. Officers discovered the body of Terry Edward Hearld, 62, of Farmville, lying on his side in the parking lot, brutally beaten. Hearld was transported to Centra Southside Hospital, where he was then air lifted to MCV Hospital in Richmond, with life threatening injuries. As of this date Hearld remains in critical condition.

Detectives identified one adult male, and two juveniles as suspects in this case. Yesterday, Farmville Police arrested Michael O. Mitchell Jr., 34, of Farmville. Mitchell has been charged with maliciously cause bodily injury to Terry Hearld with the intent to maim, disfigure, disable or kill. Mitchell was remanded to Piedmont Regional Jail without bond. Additional charges are anticipated at a later date. Detectives continue their investigation into this Assault. Anyone with information should contact the Farmville Police Department at (434) 392-9259.

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