

# HANOVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Hanover County Sheriff's Office Makes Arrests in Burglary Series**

Hanover, VA – On January 28, 2016, the Sheriff's Office arrested James Hunter Purks, 24, of King George County, Thomas Richard Nicolaou Jr., 26, of King George County and Kristin Deanna Brewer, 23, of King George County for multiple burglaries in Hanover County. On January 27, 2016, the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office was able to apprehend the suspects after an attempted breaking and entering in Spotsylvania County. The three suspects were all charged with breaking and entering while armed, grand larceny, use of a firearm during the commission of a felony, larceny with intent to sell and conspiracy to commit breaking and entering for each incident in Hanover County. In addition, Purks was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Investigators determined that the three subjects were involved in four burglaries in Hanover County between January 12, 2016, and January 18, 2016.

As a result of these arrests, the following residential burglaries in Hanover County have been solved:

- 1/12/2016 17000 block of Tyler Station Road, Beaverdam, VA
- 1/18/2016 15000 block of King Road, Doswell, VA
- 1/18/2016 11000 block of River Land Hills, Ashland, VA
- 1/18/2016 14000 block of Cofield Lane, Doswell, VA

In cooperation with the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office, several searches were conducted in Stafford County, Spotsylvania County and King George County and property related to these incidents was recovered. Investigators continue to collect and evaluate evidence in an effort to determine if any additional incidents are related to these suspects.

"This is an example of effective partnerships with agencies around the region. Working hand in hand with our regional law enforcement partners, we relentlessly pursue all of our cases as a team. I would like to thank the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office for their assistance during the course of this investigation. This case underscores how valuable the relationships with our community partners and law enforcement partners are in helping to solve and prevent crime," said Colonel David R. Hines, sheriff.

Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to contact the Hanover County Sheriff's Office at (804) 365-6140 or the Metro Richmond Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000. Citizens can also text Crime Stoppers at 274637 (CRIMES), using the keyword "iTip" followed by their tip. Both Crime Stoppers methods are anonymous.

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*"CONTINUING TO BE A PART OF, NOT APART FROM, THE COMMUNITY"*



James H. Purks



Thomas Nicolaou Jr.



Kristen D. Brewer