

# HANOVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## NEWS RELEASE

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### HCSO Makes Arrest in Robbery Case

Hanover, VA- Sheriff's Office investigators arrested five individuals responsible for the robbery that occurred on Taliaferro Lane on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Four suspects were from the City of Richmond and one was from Chesterfield. The listed individuals were charged with Robbery, Conspiracy to commit robbery, Use of a firearm in commission of a felony, Carjacking, and Abduction.

The victim went to Taliaferro Lane to discuss the sale of a vehicle that had been listed on Craigslist for sale. The victim met the female suspect who instructed him to drive to the end of Taliaferro Lane where he was subsequently robbed and placed in the trunk of his vehicle. The victim was able to free himself with a release latch inside the trunk and flee prior to the vehicle driving away. Investigators determined the suspects chose Taliaferro Lane due to it being a remote location.



*Rajit Nash, 35, Richmond*



*Omar Smith, 33, Richmond*



*Travion Wright, 25, Richmond*



*Sydnee Brown, 20, Chesterfield*



*Bennie Neal, 38, Richmond*

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

"I'm exceptionally proud of the efforts of our investigators and the efforts of our law enforcement partners from the Richmond Police Department and the United States Marshals Service. Although arrest have been made, we will continue to make sure evidence is identified to support a successful prosecution," said Colonel David R. Hines, Sheriff.

All five of the listed individuals are currently incarcerated in the Pamunkey Regional Jail.

The Sheriff's Office reminds citizens who make purchases through Craigslist, or other online sources, to remain vigilante and constantly aware of their surroundings when meeting in person. The Sheriff's Office encourages citizens to:

- Insist on a public meeting place like a restaurant, bank, or shopping center.
- Do not meet in a secluded place, or invite strangers into your home.
- Be especially careful buying/selling high value items.
- Tell a friend or family member where you're going.
- Bring a friend or family member.
- Take your cell phone along if you have one.
- Trust your instincts.

For further information in regards to safety, please visit: <http://www.craigslist.org/about/safety>.

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