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## HPD Searching for Suspect after Aggravated Assault

Harrisonburg, VA – On August 12, 2016 at 10:40 a.m. officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department responded to Harris Gardens Apartment Complex for a reported aggravated assault. The 911 caller reported at least two individuals with weapons, described to be a knife and a hammer, fighting in the parking lot. Preliminary investigation showed that one of the individuals later identified as 19 year old Hassan Anthony Grant of Harrisonburg may have run into a nearby apartment building after assaulting the victim and prior to officers' arrival. Multiple resources within Harrisonburg Police Department including patrol officers, tactical units, negotiators, and K9 assisted for over an hour in an attempt to apprehend Grant who was believed to be inside. During this time, some of the interior apartments were evacuated. At approximately 12:45 p.m. a search warrant was executed on an apartment within one of the buildings but no one was located. The victim in this case received minor injuries that did not immediately require medical attention.

While this incident remains an ongoing investigation, HPD is actively searching for Grant. He is currently wanted on outstanding warrants from a previous charge and is described as a black male standing 5'4 and weighing 180 pounds. Charges are pending the outcome of this most recent investigation. At this time Grant is believed to be a threat, and should not be approached if seen.

Those who may have information regarding Grant's whereabouts are strongly encouraged to call 911 or can remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (540) 574-5050. Tipsters may also send information by texting "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).

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