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The Harrisonburg Police Department takes part in Domestic Violence Awareness Month by participating in a National Family Violence Apprehension Detail

Harrisonburg, VA – On October 19th, 2016 the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD), along with the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office (RCSO), participated in the 14th Annual National Family Violence Apprehension Detail. Although this national apprehension detail is now in its fourteenth year running, this was the first year local agencies took part in the enhanced enforcement. By participating in this national event, the Harrisonburg Police Department hopes to improve our assistance to victims of domestic violence by devoting focused time and effort to the apprehension of family violence offenders.

Formed and sponsored by the Harrisonburg Police Department's Domestic Violence and Violent Crimes Against Women (DOVV) Unit, the participating law enforcement officers were mobilized into teams, specializing in the investigation and apprehension of those wanted specifically for domestic related crimes. Additionally, the Harrisonburg Police Department attempted to contact victims with an active emergency protective order, assessing whether there had been any recent incidents of violations.

Ultimately, the HPD/RSCO teams were successful in making several arrest without incident, and later notifying victims of the outcome. Those apprehended on these domestic related issues were as follows:

Md Feroz Ahmmed
Priciliana Maria Paz
William Bryan Saufley
Theresa Faye Shifflett

For statistical information and other national information on efforts against family violence, please visit: <http://ncadv.org/learn-more/statistics> or <http://www.clackamas.us/sheriff/domesticviolence.html>.

The Harrisonburg Police Department encourages our community to get involved. If you see something suspicious in your neighborhood or have information report anonymously, contact Crime Solvers at (540) 574-5050 or text "HPD" plus the tip to CRIMES (274637).

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