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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Detectives Investigate Early Morning Assault Two Victims Flown to Shock Trauma**

**For Immediate Release: Cristie Kahler, HCSO Media & Public Relations, 443-409-3340**

*[January 30, 2016, Abingdon, MD]* Harford County Sheriff's Office Detectives are investigating an assault that occurred early Saturday morning in the 3600 block of B&O Road, located in Abingdon, MD.

At approximately 7:02 am, on Saturday morning, deputies assigned to the Southern Precinct of the Harford County Sheriff's Office were called to the Abingdon residence for a report of an assault and stabbing. Patrol deputies arrived one minute later and began to render first aid on two adult male victims until EMS from Abingdon Volunteer Fire Services arrived. Both victims, identified as Charles Herman Thomas, Sr., age 73 and Charles Herman Thomas, Jr., age 48, were subsequently flown by Maryland State Police Medivac to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center for treatment of stab wounds and blunt force trauma. One victim remains in critical condition; both remain hospitalized.

An extensive search of the surrounding neighborhoods was conducted by multiple units of the Harford County Sheriff's Office. At this time, it is believed the suspect has fled the area.

The investigation was later assumed by the Harford County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, Major Crimes and Forensic Services Units. Preliminary investigation into the incident leads detectives to believe that the suspect was known to the victims and had been staying at the residence. While the motive for the assault continues to be under investigation, it is clear that a struggle ensued between the suspect and both victims around 5:00 am, this morning.

This active investigation remains ongoing. There are no further details being released at this time. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call Detective Burns at 410-836-5043.

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