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PRESS RELEASE

FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On 1/8/2014 at approximately 0126 hours, a deputy attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle because of a traffic infraction in the area of Martinsburg Pike near the I-81 intersection. Deputy activated his emergency equipment at which time the suspect vehicle fled entering onto I-81 northbound. Suspect vehicle continued northbound where spike strips were deployed by the Frederick County Sheriff's Office at the 323 mile marker prior to entering West Virginia. Suspect vehicle continued into West Virginia where West Virginia authorities picked up the pursuit which continued into reaching the 8 mile marker where the suspect vehicle lost control due to the previous spike strip deployment striking a concrete barrier. As West Virginia authorities approached the vehicle, they observed the suspect using a knife to inflict wounds to himself. Suspect was removed from the vehicle where he received medical attention and due to self inflicted wounds, was flown to undisclosed hospital for treatment. The current condition of the suspect is unknown. The suspect has been identified as James Poland of Frederick County, Virginia age 56. Warrants were obtained and are on file at our office for speeding and felony eluding.

Anyone with information is requested to call the Frederick County Sheriff's Office at 540-662-6162, or Crime Solvers at 540-665-TIPS