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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

On 8/21/2014 at 1:08 pm, the Frederick County Communications Center received a 911 call from a person located at Richards Fruit Market located at 6410 Middle Road stating that a person had driven into the business parking lot area seeking medical attention for himself and his dog due to injuries sustained from a bear attack.

The injured person is identified as Steven Krichbaum, 59 of Staunton, Virginia. Krichbaum was visiting the wooded area of the George Washington National Forest located in the Hardy County, West Virginia side of Route 55. As Krichbaum and his dog were walking in the woods, he came upon a black bear and two cubs. The black bear in response to Krichbaum and his dog's presence, responded by attacking them. Krichbaum and his dog attempted to fend off the attack and were subsequently injured. Both Krichbaum and his dog was able to make their way to his parked vehicle and drive to Richards Fruit Market in an attempt to get medical assistance from their injuries.

Krichbaum was transported via rescue squad to the Winchester Medical Center for treatment and Krichbaums dog was transported by the Frederick County Sheriff's Office Animal Control unit to a local emergency animal hospital. The current condition of both Krichbaum and his dog are unknown at this time.

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