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PRESS RELEASE

FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On September 20, 2016 just prior to 11:30am Frederick County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to the Cove Campground located in the 900 block of Cove Road for an alleged assault. Upon arrival Deputies identified the victim, Justin Leavitt, who had sustained several injuries to his head, neck and torso. Leavitt was transported to the Winchester Medical Center where he was evaluated and transferred to ICU where he was said to be in stable condition. Statements obtained from the victim as well as a witness throughout the course of the investigation led deputies to identify the suspect as 32 year old John Sims from Manassas VA. On September 21, 2016 Deputies obtained and served a warrant on Sims for Attempted Murder. Sims is currently being held at the NRADC without bond. Leavitt remains at the Winchester Medical Center recovering from his injuries.

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