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PRESS RELEASE

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Suspect arrested for Kidnapping / Sexual Assault

(Ravenel, SC) On August 30, 2015, shortly after 2:00 p.m., Charleston County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to the 5500 block of Ellington School Road to investigate a possible abduction that was in progress. According to initial reports, the suspect, Gussie Hilton, Jr., was asked to take a mother and her 13 year old daughter to Wal-Mart. Instead of taking the victims to Wal-Mart, the suspect made a detour to Ellington School Road, where he threatened both victims with a knife and forced the 13 year old into the woods, where he sexually assaulted her. The mother was able to escape and run to a nearby relative house to call 911. The Charleston County Sheriff's Office K9 units arrived on scene and were able to track the suspect and the 13 year old victim in the woods. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

While on scene, the suspect told our deputies that his 6 year old cousin was in his residence who he also sexually assaulted earlier in the day. The residence where the child was located is at 5747 Martin Street in Ravenel. All victims were transported to MUSC.

The suspect, Gussie Hilton, Jr. is currently being held in the Sheriff Cannon Detention Center pending a bond hearing. He will be charged with 3cts of Kidnapping and 2cts of Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree.

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