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Charges Served In Connection To Joint EOD Investigation

(Henrico County, Va.) – As a result of a joint investigation that included Henrico Police, Henrico Fire Marshal's Office, Henrico Fire's Hazardous Incident Team, Virginia State Police, ATF, Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Richmond-FBI, and their EOD teams, charges have been filed against **Michael O. Hardy, 52, of Henrico**. Hardy is currently being held at Henrico County Jail. These charges result from a multi-day investigation that included Hardy's residence located in the 7200 block of Durwood Crescent in Henrico's West End. The 17 felony charges and 6 misdemeanor charges are as follows;

18.2-85- Manufacture/possession of explosive device

Class 5 Felony - 9 total

27-100- Possession of Illegal Fireworks

Class 1 Misdemeanor - 6 total

18.2-248- Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substance - Meth

Felony - 1 total

18.2-248- Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substance - Crack Cocaine

Felony - 1 total

18.2-248- Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substance - Xanax

Felony - 1 total

18.2-248- Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substance- Fentanyl

Felony - 1 total



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18.2-248- Manufacture Controlled Substance - Crack Cocaine

Felony - 1 total

18.2-281- Setting Spring Gun or other Deadly Weapon

Class 6 Felony - 1 total

18.2-258.02- Maintaining a Fortified Drug House

Class 5 Felony - 1 total

18.2- 308.4-(C) Possession of firearms while illegally manufacturing or distributing a Schedule I or II controlled substance

Class 6 Felony - 1 total

During the course of the investigation, over one hundred items of evidence have been cataloged. Much of the evidence is of the nature of drugs, firearms, and bomb-making materials found on the property located on Durwood Crescent. These items are what alarmed the officers when they first entered the home, prompting the extended operation to render the building and the surrounding community safe.

On behalf of all agencies involved, Henrico Police would like to thank the community and residents impacted by this investigation for their continued support and understanding.

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