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- **Incident** Barricade Subject
- **Date of Incident** July 05, 2010 **Time of Incident** 10:03 p.m.
- **Location of Incident** 1970 Palmer Street Lot #1
- **Victim Name (s)** Commonwealth of VA
- **Suspect Name (s)** Thomas James Cole----white male, resident, 68 y.o.a.
- **Charges if Applicable** Discharging a Firearm within the Town Limits and Reckless Handling of a Firearm
- **Arrest Information** \$1,500 Secured Bond--Held in Montgomery County Jail

Anyone with information is asked to call 540-382-3131

Additional Remarks:

Officer received a call from subjects who advised that Mr. Cole had been firing a weapon inside his mobile home. Officers received several more complaints of the subject continuing to discharge the weapon. Initial responding officers attempted to make contact with the subject with no success. Members to the Emergency Response Team were activated and reported to the scene along with members of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Negotiators attempted to make contact with subject with repeated attempts and no success. At approximately 1:43 a.m. tactical gas was deployed into the residence. The suspect then made contact with law enforcement and briefly appeared outside the home. The subject retreated back into the residence and a second

round of gas was deployed. At approximately 2:09 a.m. the subject appeared back outside and was taken into custody. The subject was transported to the Montgomery Regional Hospital and released. He was taken to the Montgomery County Jail and held on a \$1,500 secured bond. No members of the community, law enforcement, nor the suspect were injured. Alcohol was determined to be a factor in the incident. A .22 caliber pistol was recovered.