

Media Release

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Details regarding Search of a Man in Paulden last night

Background - On April 21, 2015, around 4 PM, YCSO dispatch received a call that a possible homicide suspect, wanted in Virginia, was seen in the area of Old Highway 89 near the Sullivan Bridge in Paulden. The caller had seen a television news story about a man wanted by the FBI for the deaths of 4 people in Petersburg, VA. See <http://www.usmarshals.gov/news/chron/2014/060614.htm> for details on suspect Alexander Hill. Since this original bulletin, a warrant has been issued for Hill in this case. YCSO deputies checked the area but could not locate anyone matching Hill's description.

Yesterday, April 22, 2015, just before 5 PM, a YCSO deputy spotted a man matching the general description of Hill near the Pink Store on Highway 89 in Paulden. When the deputy approached, the man ran. Deputies conducted an extensive search throughout the evening which included helicopter support from the Department of Public Safety. The search extended to an area around the US Post Office and adjacent trailer park. When the man was spotted again, he fled. The search remained active for several hours without success.

This morning, deputies determined the man who fled from them last night was NOT Hill, but a local transient known to YCSO from prior contacts. And earlier today, the transient was seen near the railroad tracks by the Drake Cement Plant north of Paulden according to employees. By the time deputies arrived, he was gone and could not be located otherwise. At this time, the transient is not wanted.

Around 1 PM today, the YCSO media office learned via preliminary news reports that Hill had been captured this morning in New York.

YCSO would like to thank the residents of Paulden for their patience while deputies searched last night for a person they believed was the murder suspect out of Virginia. The goal of protecting the community while attempting to locate the possible suspect quickly was paramount.

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website:

www.ycsoaz.gov