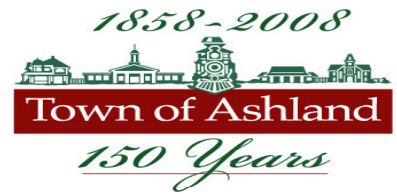




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On October 11, 2008, the Ashland Police Department responded to the Hanover Apartments, which is located off of Cottage Green Drive after receiving information that an unknown male had entered the victim's apartment and sexually assaulted her.

The suspect was described as a black male, approximately 5'11" tall, and around 200 pounds with a heavy build.

Based upon the information and evidence collected during the investigation, Ashland investigators obtained a warrant for Michael L. Hinton, a twenty-eight year old male who lives in the area where the assault occurred.

On October 11, 2008 at approximately 8:30 pm, Hinton was arrested without incident and charged with breaking and entering and rape.

The Police Department is continuing its investigation into a similar incident that occurred on August 25, 2008, at this time it is unknown if the two cases are connected.

The Ashland Police Department would like to thank the Hanover County Sheriff's Office, Virginia K9 Rescue and Recovery and the members of the Cottage Green community for their assistance in bringing this case to a rapid close.