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Today, In the morning hours, this office received a call from a local farmer being physically assaulted and threatened to be shot and killed by an individual who was armed on Egypt Road.

Deputies, in the area investigating an unrelated attempted burglary were able to respond quickly. Deputies intercepted the suspect driving east near Egypt Road and Dunn Lane.

Deputy Ty Richeson conducted a traffic stop on suspect, Dammie Dee Morris of Atoka County and began investigating the reported assault and felony threatening acts of violence. Deputy Richeson attempted to place Morris in investigative detention. Morris punched Deputy Richeson in the face, committing felony assault on a peace officer and a physical fight ensued.

Deputy Richeson, while defended himself knocked Morris to the ground. While Deputy Richeson was attempting to effect a lawful arrest Morris continued to resist and the physical altercation continued.

Deputy Richeson was able to subdue the suspect, taking him into custody. During the physical altercation Deputy Richeson sustained a broken right hand among other injuries, Morris received a broken hip and lacerations to the head.

Johnston County EMS was requested to the scene and both Deputy Richeson and Morris are being treated for injuries at the hospital. The local farmer did receive injuries but did not receive treatment at the scene.

On further investigation, at the scene by Undersheriff Christian Smith and Deputy Justin Murray, a loaded rifle was seized from Morris' vehicle for the crimes committed of Felony threatening acts of violence and possession of loaded firearm in the commission of a felony.

Due to suspect Morris' injuries needing special medical attention, Sheriff Gary Dodd and District Judge Coppedge medically OR'd Morris so further medical attention could be provided. However, warrants for the following charges will be produced today and upon medical clearance from the hospital Morris will be arrested and brought back to the Johnston County Jail to answer for his following charges:

Assault and battery

Threatening acts of violence- Felony

Resisting lawful arrest

Assault and battery on peace officer

Possession of loaded firearm while in commission of a felony-Felony

"Stop assaulting our Deputies! It has not worked out for anybody and we are tired of being injured. We have lives to live and families to go home to as well. This complete and utter disrespect and lawlessness will not be tolerated in this county. If you believe you can assault citizens of this county, assault deputy sheriffs of this county and there will not be consequences, you're sorely mistaken. Please support your local sheriffs offices, as we have seen a dramatic increase of violence being used against us across this nation and in this county as well."

-Sheriff Gary W. Dodd





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