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Fredericksburg Police Officer Left with Broken Nose After Issuing Notice for Trespassing

Last night, at approximately 9:00 p.m., two patrol officers responded to the Hilton Garden Inn located at 1060 Hospitality Lane at the request of hotel management to issue a notice for trespassing. A hotel guest identified as Dennis Johnson III, 41, of Frdericksburg had reportedly exposed himself to other hotel guests on several occasions and walked through the hotel lobby naked.

Two officers went to Johnson's room and found the door ajar. After knocking and making verbal notifications, officers entered the room and found Johnson inside without clothes. Johnson continued to repeat the same chant over and over during the entire interaction. One of the officers provided Johnson a notice for trespassing to which he crumpled up and threw on the ground. Officers were able to convince Johnson to put clothes on and leave the hotel. One of the officers found a bag in the closet and offered it to Johnson so he could put his belongings in it. At that moment, Johnson picked up his laptop and began violently assaulting the officer, striking her in the head with the laptop and punching her in the face. The other officer was able to take the subject into custody with the assistance of additional officers. Johnson was arrested on charges of indecent exposure and assault on law enforcement. He remains incarcerated at the Rappahannock Regional Jail without bond.

The officer, a two year veteran of the Fredericksburg Police Department, was taken to a nearby hospital and treated for head injuries. She suffered a broken nose and a concussion from the incident.

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