estimate of $28.2 million is likely a small fraction of the funds actually lost, given that most instances of financial exploitation are not reported. DARS believes that the true extent of financial exploitation may result in Virginia victims of an estimated $1 billion a year. We must commit to protecting our most vulnerable citizens from financial exploitation. "Virginia should invest in Adult Protective Services and other resources for Adult Protective Services, for our public guidance program that allows proper oversight of the affairs of incapacitated adults, and for education and training of Adult Protective Services workers," said Peace.

Victims of financial exploitation are typically age 60 or older and may be physically and/or cognitively relative. It's rarely reported, and when it is reported, victims may blame themselves, believe they are being protected, or feel embarrassed or want to protect the perpetrator. The work group's recommendations include:

- Implementing an Adult Protective Services 24-hour APS hotline.
- Establishing a local coalition of partners to improve collaborations between Adult Protective Services and financial institutions to strengthen investigations of these cases.
- Including changes to certain definitions in the Code of Virginia, approved by the Virginia General Assembly.
- Approving new training for APS workers and developing educational resources for financial institutions.
- Including state and local law enforcement in APS' efforts to protect Virginia victims of financial exploitation.
- Encouraging the Virginia General Assembly to look at sources of funding to make Virginia safer for the many Virginians older than 60 who may be vulnerable to financial exploitation.
- Strengthening investigations of instances of suspected exploitation, included that an estimated $1 billion, according to APS Director Gayle McCarty. She added that exploitation is growing, that the ranks of the elderly has more than doubled in the past two decades.

The 2016 General Assembly included language to create a new group that worked diligently to improve collaborations between Adult Protective Services and other state agencies to protect Virginia victims of financial exploitation. The report, "Adult Financial Exploitation in Virginia: Collaborative Approaches to Address the Issue," is available online.

The 2017 Operation Inasmuch Soup Supper, will be held at Beale Memorial Baptist Church, located at 801 Church Lane, Tappahannock, at 6 p.m. Plan to attend as we serve lighting餐饮(Gather) with APS workers and use our best management practices to help the state achieve its water quality goal.

December 12
* Jami O. Campbell, 25 years old of Tappahannock, was arrested for disorderly conduct, destruction of property, assault and battery. He was taken to the Rappahannock Regional Jail.
*CAMERON, JR., 29 years old of Tappahannock, was arrested for assault and battery.

December 13
* Howard A. Thomas, 58 years old of Tappahannock, was arrested for embezzlement.

December 14
* Kim M. Smith, 71 years old of King George, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

December 15
* Quintia Janae Ball, 29 years old of Tappahannock, was arrested for embezzlement.

December 16
* Johnnie Levern Thompson, Jr., 40 years old of Mechanicsville, was arrested for embezzlement.

December 17
* Veronica Mac Carter, 45 years old of Tappahannock, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

December 18
* Quintia Jane Ball, 29 years old of Tappahannock, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

December 19
* Patricia A. Krotz, 67 years old of King George, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

December 20
* Ryan Bray, 25 years old of Tappahannock, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

December 21
* Johnnie Levern Thompson, Jr., 40 years old of Mechanicsville, was arrested for burglary.

December 22
* Ryan C. Patterson, 20 years old of King George, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

December 23
* Robin L. Jefferies, 46 years old of St. Stephens Church, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

December 24
* Quantia E. Johnson, 21 years old of Tappahannock, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

December 25
* Veronica Mac Carter, 45 years old of Tappahannock, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

December 26
* Jordan L. McAdoo, 21 years old of King George, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

December 27
* Johnnie Levern Thompson, Jr., 40 years old of Mechanicsville, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

December 28
* Donnie L. Jeffries, 67 years old of Tappahannock, was arrested for disorderly conduct.