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The tornado that hit New Kent County on Thursday carried winds estimated at 95 mph, the National Weather Service said today.

The twister struck about 4:50 p.m. in the Woodhaven Shores neighborhood in southwestern New Kent, officials said. Its path was about 200 yards wide.

The tornado was an EF1 -- the next-to-weakest rating for tornadoes.

Weather service officials judged the tornado's characteristics by visiting the site today.

Earlier today, the weather service said three confirmed tornadoes struck Virginia Thursday.

The tornadoes hit western Louisa County between 3:30 and 3:45 p.m., western New Kent County just before 5 p.m. and southeastern Prince William County about 5:30 p.m.

Weather service meteorologists said they consider the tornadoes confirmed because credible people spotted them and in two cases -- New Kent and Prince William -- witnesses shot videos.

Weather service teams are checking the sites today to determine the strengths and paths of the tornadoes.

"They've been confirmed tornadoes, but the specifics on them, that's what the teams are doing now," said Mike Rusnak, a weather service meteorologist. He was speaking of the Louisa and New Kent tornadoes.

A tornado that struck Prince William near Quantico appeared to cross a busy Interstate 95, but there were no reports of injuries, said Andy Woodcock, a weather service meteorologist.

The tornado was probably a weak one, he added. "Those cars are all very lucky."