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****Update –Police Seek Public’s Assistance in Identifying Vehicle in Double Homicide Investigation****

[Hopewell, VA] – Hopewell Police Department are asking for the public’s help with the double homicide investigation from August 20, 2020, in the 1300 block of Central Avenue where Mr. Julian Emmanuel Sharp and Ms. Elisa Scott were killed from gunshot related injuries.

Detectives assigned to the investigation have been actively investigating the incident, collecting evidence, and following up on leads. Through their investigation, they have collected video evidence of a suspect vehicle. The surveillance photographs below depict a four-door sedan with a sunroof and damage to the passenger side quarter panel.

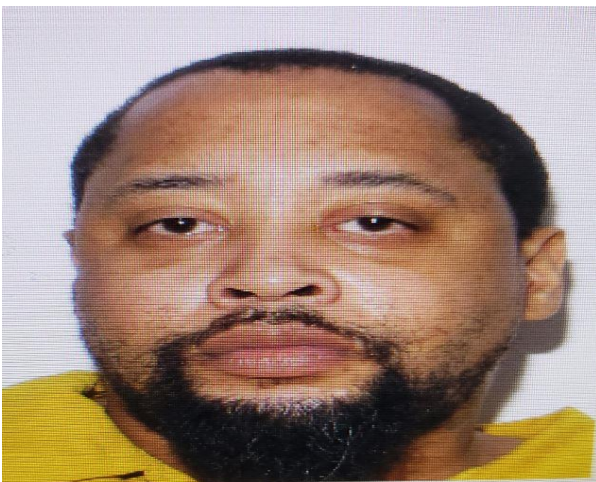




The Hopewell Police Department is requesting that any person(s) who may have seen the vehicle, been in the area at the time or have any information to provide, to contact Lead Detective Kate Williamson of the Hopewell Criminal Investigations Unit at (804) 541-2284. Persons with information on this crime and who wish to remain anonymous may contact the Hopewell Prince George Crimesolvers hotline in Hopewell at (804) 541-2202 or provide their tip using the P3tips mobile app.

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The male victim has been identified as Mr. Julian Emmanuel Sharpe, 39 years old, of the 1300 block of Central Avenue, Hopewell and the female has been identified as Ms. Elisa Scott, 39 years old, of the 3700 block of Paul Karnes Drive, Hopewell, Virginia. The Hopewell Police Department Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) continue to follow-up on leads. See below photographs of both victims.



Julian Emmanuel Sharpe



Elisa Scott

The Hopewell Police Department is requesting that any person(s) who may have witnessed any suspicious activity in the 1300 block of Central Avenue, been in the area at the time or have any information to provide, to contact Lead Detective Kate Williamson of the Hopewell Criminal Investigations Unit at (804) 541-2284. Persons with information on this crime and who wish to remain anonymous may contact the Hopewell Prince George Crimesolvers hotline in Hopewell at (804) 541-2202 or provide their tip using the P3tips mobile app.

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On August 20, 2020 at approximately 2:30 P.M., officers responded to the 1300 block of Central Avenue for a call for service of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers discovered a deceased male and female with life threatening gunshot related injuries at the entrance to a residence. Emergency Medical Services arrived and rendered medical treatment. She was transferred to MCV Hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. Both victims have been transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) for autopsies. The identities of the deceased will be released upon confirmation and notification of the immediate family.

Investigators are continuing to gather information at this stage in the investigation. Security cameras in the area captured a white 4-door sedan and investigators seek your help in identifying the owner. See attached picture.



Further information and/or updates will be released as they become available.

The Hopewell Police Department is requesting that any person(s) who may have witnessed the shooting were traveling in and/or around the area at the time or have any information to provide, to contact Lead Detective Kate Williamson of the Hopewell Criminal Investigations Unit at (804) 541-2284. Persons with information on this crime and who wish to remain anonymous may contact the Hopewell Prince George Crimesolvers hotline in Hopewell at (804) 541-2202 or provide their tip using the P3tips mobile app.

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