



**The City of  
Hopewell, Virginia**

**Hopewell Police Department**  
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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**\*\*Homicide Investigation underway in the 2700 block of Courthouse Road\*\***

**[Hopewell, VA]** – On July 4 2021, at approximately 8:30 P.M., officers along with Emergency Medical Services responded to Arlington Park located at 2700 courthouse Road in reference to a person in the roadway requiring medical assistance. Police received multiple calls for shots fired and a large disturbance at the park. Upon arrival, officers located an unresponsive adult male in roadway with life threatening gunshot injuries. Several vehicles at the park were damaged from gunshots as well. Emergency medical personnel were on scene and the victim was pronounced deceased.

Members of the Hopewell Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division (CID) responded to the scene and initiated an investigation of the matter. The Hopewell Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is currently investigating this matter as a Death Investigation. The identity of the decedent is not being released pending notification of the family members. Further information and updates will be released as they become available.

**UPDATE:** The victim has been identified as Joshua Israel Psalms Arrington, Age 18 of the City of Hopewell. The decedent was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) for autopsy to determine cause of death.

See attached photograph of Mr. Arrington.

The Hopewell Police Department is requesting that any person(s) who may have any information to provide and been in the area 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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