



**The City of  
Hopewell, Virginia**

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

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Criminal Investigations Unit - (804) 541-2284  
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**\*\*Shooting investigation initiated in Hopewell \*\***

**[Hopewell, VA]** – On Monday, May 2, 2022 around 7:30 P.M. officers responded to 1900 block of Stewart Ave. for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival officers determined a vehicle was struck by gunfire as it passed through the area. Further investigation revealed Dedric Taggart 21 of Hopewell as the offender. Warrants have been obtained for discharge of a firearm in the city limits, reckless handling of a firearm, attempted malicious wounding, shoot or throw missile at an occupied vehicle, and shoot or discharge a firearm across the roadway.

Members of the Hopewell Police Department Criminal Investigation Unit have initiated an investigation into this incident. The Hopewell Police Department is requesting that any person(s) who may have any information to provide, to contact 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 Crime solvers hotline in Hopewell at (804) 541-2202 or provide their tip using the P3tips mobile app.

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