



**The City of
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MEDIA RELEASE

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****Homicide Suspect In Custody ****

[Hopewell, VA] – On Sunday, April 3, 2022 at approximately 2:50 a.m. Officers responded to 907 Colonial Corner Drive. for a report of a shooting that had just occurred. Upon arrival Officers located a male laying on the ground near a fuel pump suffering from several gunshot wounds. The victim later died at John Randolph Medical Center and was identified as Mr. Willie Studivant of Hopewell, Virginia. Witnesses reported there was a verbal argument between Mr. Studivant and another person described as a Black Male, wearing a black hat, dark hooded sweatshirt, and dark sweatpants with white stripping on the outside of the pants leg. He was approximately 6'0" to 6'2", 150 to 175 lbs., mid to late 20's with short facial hair and a short dreaded hairstyle. – Through an extensive investigation police have identified Mr. Demonte Jones as the suspected offender in the shooting homicide that occurred in the Wawa fuel pump court on Sunday morning. He is described as a black male, 25 years of age, 6'2", and 170lbs., with black hair and brown eyes. Mr. Jones is considered armed and extremely dangerous. Mr. Jones is wanted for Second Degree Murder, Use of Firearm in Commission of Felony, Reckless Handling of a Firearm, and Discharge of a Firearm in Public. Please see the attached photo of Mr. Demonte Jones.

****UPDATE - 2**** On 04/19/2022 at 1930 hours, Demonte Jones was taken into custody by the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Taskforce. Jones is currently being held without bond at Riverside Regional Jail arraignment.

The Hopewell Police Department is requesting that any person(s) who may have any information to provide, to contact Lead Detective Cameron List 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 Crime Solvers hotline in Hopewell at (804) 541-2202 or provide their tip using the P3tips mobile app.

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Mr. Demonte Jones, 25 YOA, 6'2", 175 lbs.

