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MEDIA RELEASE

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****Suspected Offender Found Deceased in Petersburg ****

[Hopewell, VA] – On Thursday, February 3, 2022 just after 8 p.m., officers responded to the 800 block of Spruce Street for the report of shots fired. Upon their arrival, officers found an unresponsive man with what appeared to be gunshot-related trauma. The victim was pronounced deceased by Hopewell Fire and EMS. Our Criminal Investigations Unit along with Field Services personnel continue to actively investigate the incident.

The victim has been identified as Mr. Orlando Monroe Jr., 17 years of age from Hopewell, VA. Through an extensive investigation police have identified Mr. Keymonte Bland-White as the suspected offender in the shooting homicide that occurred on Spruce St just after 8 p.m. He is described as a black male, 18 years of age, 5'10", and 155lbs., with black hair and brown eyes. Mr. Bland-White is considered armed and extremely dangerous. Mr. Bland is wanted for First Degree Murder, Use of Firearm in Commission of Felony X 2, Reckless Handling of a Firearm, Discharge Firearm in Public, Attempted Malicious Wounding, and Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon. Please see the attached photo of Keymonte Bland-White. He is known to have ties to the City of Petersburg and City of Norfolk.

****2nd UPDATE**** - On Saturday, February 5th, 2022 at approximately 0650 hours Petersburg Police responded to the 1000 Block of W. Wythe St., Petersburg VA for a report of a possible suicide. Upon arrival Police found Mr. Keymonte Bland-White in a vacant house deceased with an apparent gunshot wound to the head consistent with suicide. A weapon was recovered at the scene. Petersburg Detective Keith Dennis is the lead investigator in the case. Hopewell Police are continuing their investigation to determine others possibly involved and motive.

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 Lead Detective Shawn Grant 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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