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****Police investigate shooting of motorist****

[Hopewell, VA] – On June 22, 2017 at 9:40 P.M., officers responded to the 1400 block of Carolina Avenue in reference to a report of shots being fired. While responding officers were canvassing the area, information was received that a subject had just arrived at John Randolph Medical Center with a single gunshot wound. The preliminary investigation revealed that the victim, age 26, and a female passenger, were in a vehicle at the above location when a silver in color SUV pulled up next to them and asked for directions. After the victim provided directions, the suspect vehicle then proceeded to leave the area at which time, a single gunshot was fired from within the suspect vehicle at the victim striking him in the arm. The suspect vehicle then fled the area while the victim drove himself to the hospital to seek emergency medical assistance. The victim was later treated and released with non-life threatening injuries. The passenger was not injured in the incident.

The offender is described as a young black male, last seen wearing a red shirt and seated in the rear of a silver in color Lexus Sport Utility Vehicle.

The Hopewell Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this matter and is requesting that any person(s) who may have witnessed the incident, were traveling in and around the area at the time of this incident or have any information to provide regarding the shooting, contact lead Detective Mark Polumbo at (804) 541-2284. Additionally, any person(s) who have information on this or any other crime occurring in the City of Hopewell may contact the Hopewell/Prince George Crime Solvers in Hopewell at 541-2202 or in Prince George County at 733-2777. You can also provide a tip anonymously via the web at tipsoft.com. If your information leads to an arrest you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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