



*The City of  
Hopewell, Virginia*

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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**\*\*Hopewell Police are searching for answers in homicide that left Richmond Fire Department Lieutenant Ashley Berry dead \*\***

**[Hopewell, VA]** – On Thursday, November 28, 2019 at approximately 11:39 P.M., officers responded to the 1000 block of Sunnyside Avenue for a call for service of shots fired and an individual who had been shot. Upon arrival, officers along with Emergency Medical Services located a single adult female victim who had sustained serious gunshot related injuries. Medical treatment was rendered at the scene and the victim was transported to John Randolph Medical Center and then to VCU Medical Center for further treatment. The victim was identified as Ashley Nichole Berry, Age 33 of Chesterfield County. Ms. Berry was pronounced deceased by treating medical staff.

It has been almost three years since this senseless act of violence took place. Lieutenant Berry was leaving a residence with one of her children after celebrating Thanksgiving with friends and family. It was learned through the investigation that Lieutenant Berry was shielding her child with her body when she was shot. Lieutenant Berry has been described by family and friends as a person who would have helped anyone in need. Lieutenant Berry was at the Military Retirees Club in Richmond, VA putting together food baskets for people in need the night of this tragedy. Lieutenant Berry left behind three children now 20, 14 and 8 years old. They are navigating through life without their mother and that is extremely hard on them. The family is pleading with the public to come forward with information that can bring their family justice. "If you know something, say something".

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 website and/or the mobile app. If the tip provided results in an arrest, a reward of up to \$1000 may be given.

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