



**The City of
Hopewell, Virginia**

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MEDIA RELEASE

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****Investigation into shooting of Hopewell man underway ****

[Hopewell, VA] – On Monday, July 13, 2020 at approximately 3:23 P.M., officers responded to the 1000 block of Liberty Avenue in regard to an individual who had been shot. Upon arrival, officers along with Emergency Medical Services located a single adult male victim inside a residence who had sustained gunshot related injuries. Medical treatment was rendered at the scene and the victim was transported by ambulance to VCU Medical Center for further treatment.

The victim was identified as Benjamin Weaver, Age 34 of Hopewell. Members of the Hopewell Police Department Criminal Investigation (CIU) subsequently initiated an investigation.

Preliminary investigation indicates the victim was outside of the residence when two offenders approached the victim. During the encounter, the offender(s) shot the victim and fled on foot to a grey sedan and fled north on Liberty Avenue towards Winston Churchill Drive. The first offender is described as a black male wearing a black shirt and jeans, and the second offender is described as a black male with unknown clothing description. Criminal Investigation Unit detectives continue to actively investigate the incident. No other persons were injured as a result of the shooting.

The Hopewell Police Department is requesting that any person(s) who may have any information to provide and been in the area to contact Lead Detective Keith Krueger 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 Crimesolvers hotline in Hopewell at (804) 541-2202 or provide their tip using the P3tips mobile app.

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