



The City of Hopewell, Virginia

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MEDIA RELEASE

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****Update – Arrest made in Christmas Day Homicide ****

[Hopewell, VA] – In the early morning hours of Saturday, December 25th, 2021, the Hopewell Police Department began a homicide investigation. The victim, Ishmael Simmons, age 35, was found deceased inside a residence in the 1700 block of Davis Lane. Officers and Detectives continued to develop leads throughout the holiday weekend. Warrants have since been secured on Mr. Armani Maxwell Myrick, age 21, whose last known address is in the City of Petersburg. The warrants include Murder, Breaking and Entering, Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony, and numerous other firearms related offenses. On December 28th, 2021 Armani Myrick was located in Northern Virginia by the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force and taken into custody without incident. Please see the attached document with photo of Mr. Myrick.

“We want to thank the community as a whole for their support of our Detectives and Officers who worked tirelessly through the weekend; it’s important our citizens know that the partnership with our community does not take a break on weekends, holidays, or after hours.” said Chief A.J. Starke.

Members of the Hopewell Police Department Criminal Investigation Unit continue to investigate this homicide case. The Hopewell Police Department is requesting that any person(s) who may have witnessed any activity in the 1700 block of Davis Ln, or may have been in the area on December 25, 2021 around 5:30 A.M. or have any information to provide, please 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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