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SUFFOLK POLICE ANNOUNCE LGBTQ LIAISONS

SUFFOLK, VA (January 11, 2017) The Suffolk Police Department is pleased to announce that Detective Sean Rowan and Detective Tiffany Whitten will become the Department's first liaisons to the LGBTQ community. This liaison program is mirrored after a similar program that was introduced by the Norfolk Police Department in 2015.

Detective Rowan joined the Suffolk Police Department in September of 2014 and was promoted to Detective in December 2016. Detective Whitten joined the Suffolk Police Department in December 2010 and was promoted to Detective in April 2016. Detective Rowan and Detective Whitten are currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division.

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The Suffolk Police Department recognizes and values the importance of community outreach and the need to ensure that all of its members are treated with respect and dignity. This new position will provide opportunities for any person who feels the need to express their concerns or opinions regarding the manner in which the Suffolk Police Department exercises its mission to serve and protect. This liaison position will also serve as a resource for members of the LGBTQ community who are victims of violent crimes and crimes motivated by hate. Often times these crimes go unreported resulting in a cycle of violence that sadly will continue unless effective intervention strategies can be brought to bear on the matter.

This position has been approved and endorsed by Hampton Roads Pride.

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