

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **Suffolk**

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## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (July 5, 2018) The Suffolk Police Department advises that a third subject has been arrested related to the homicide and shooting incident that occurred in Suffolk on July 1, 2017.

Anthony Rayshawn Hale, age 22, of Suffolk, was arrested on July 3, 2018 following direct indictment on charges including Involuntary Manslaughter, Robbery, Use or Display Firearm in Commission of Felony (2 counts), Brandishing a Firearm, Attempt to Commit Non-Capital Offense, Conspiracy to Commit a Felony, Possession of Burglary Tools, and Wearing a Mask in Public. Mug shot attached.

## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (July 2, 2018) The Suffolk Police Department advises that following their investigation of a homicide and shooting incident that happened almost a year ago, two subjects have been arrested following direct indictment and charged with several felonies.

Joshua James Williams, age 19, of Suffolk was arrested on June 28<sup>th</sup> on charges including Involuntary Manslaughter, Use or Display Firearm in Commission of Felony

(2 counts), Conspiracy to Commit a Felony, and Attempt to Commit Non-Capital Offense.

Justin Stephen Fransee, age 20, of Suffolk, was also arrested on June 28<sup>th</sup> on charges including Involuntary Manslaughter, Use or Display Firearm in Commission of Felony, and Conspiracy to Commit a Felony.

Mug shots are attached. The investigation remains ongoing at this time.

## **SUFFOLK POLICE INVESTIGATING HOMICIDE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (July 1, 2017) The Suffolk Police Department is investigating a late night shooting incident that has left one person injured and one person dead.

Emergency Communications received the call at 11:33 p.m. on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, advising of an adult male lying in the street in the 300 block of Gloucester Street in downtown Suffolk suffering from apparent gunshot wounds.

The subject received emergency medical assessment and treatment by Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel and was airlifted to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. He has been identified as Anthony Hale, age 21, of Suffolk. He is currently listed in critical condition.

During the course of their investigation and not long after midnight, Officers located a second black male adult victim lying next to a residence in the same block and he was pronounced deceased at the scene. He has been identified as Brandon Hudgins, age 26, also of Suffolk.

The investigation remains ongoing and police have no suspect or motive at this time.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Line at 1-888-Lock-U-Up. When calling Crime Line, callers do not have to give their names or appear in court. Citizens can also utilize TipSoft to anonymously submit crime-related tips through the Web, a text message, or from any Android or iPhone mobile device with the [TipSubmit mobile app](#). Tips can be submitted by visiting [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com), or by texting the word "**CRIMES**" (274637) with the keyword **SPDVATIP**. TipSoft also supports users' ability to submit videos or photos using the TipSoft mobile app. If information leads to an arrest, the caller or "tipster" could qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000.

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