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BACKGROUND

Bondhill is currently an inmate at Wallens Ridge State Prison in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. He was a resident of Norfolk at the time of this homicide. According to a cold case investigator, Bondhill was one of three masked men that entered a residence on Ashley Ave. and robbed several individuals that were present. The victim was in the residence, heard a commotion and was shot when he entered a room to see what was transpiring.

Cromer was a Suffolk resident and had a Cogie Square address. He was visiting the home of his girlfriend at the time of his homicide.

Cold case investigators began actively working this case almost a year ago when new leads were received. Detectives continue to investigate and hope to bring charges against additional suspect(s).

Suffolk Police Cold Case Unit Makes Arrest in Fifteen Year Old Homicide

SUFFOLK, Va. (April 15, 2009) Suffolk Police announces the arrest of a suspect in the 1994 homicide of Robert Lee Cromer. Cromer died as the result of gunshot wounds on February 17, 1994. The homicide occurred at a residence in the 500 blk. of Ashley Avenue.

Darrin Bondhill, age 35, has been charged with one count of First Degree Murder, one count of Robbery, one count Burglary, one count Conspiracy, and four counts of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony. Bondhill was served with indictments at the Roanoke City Jail.

These charges were the result of a renewed investigation into the murder by Suffolk Police Department's Cold Case Unit. This is the fourth homicide solved by members of the unit in the two years since its inception.

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