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SUFFOLK, VA (December 2, 2011) – On September 28, 1997 Carl Shawn Turner was violently murdered while he was attending a party in the 100 block of Halifax Street in the City of Suffolk. After a lengthy investigation, the case went cold. Members of the police department's Cold Case Squad were able to develop new leads and identified a suspect in the case. On September 28, 2009, the 12th anniversary of the homicide, indictments were handed down for the arrest of Lonnie Lee Bowers Jr. for the homicide of Carl Turner.

Police believe Bowers has been in hiding since September of 2009 to evade capture. Bowers was featured on the WTKR News Channel 3 segment Taking Action Against Crime hosted by Juliet Bickford. Bowers was also featured on a website AMW.com hosted by the nationwide television show America's Most Wanted. Based on information from AMW.com, a U.S. Marshal began to investigate the leads and shared his information with the Capital Region Fugitive Task Force. Members of the task force began to search for Bowers in the Washington D.C. area. After checking several locations with no sign of Bowers, the information that he was wanted was ran in a local newspaper in the area. That newspaper article then produced information that lead to the capture of Bowers. 14 years, 2 months and 3 days after the murder of Carl Turner, the Suffolk Police Department can clear the case by arrest.

Sergeant Gary Myrick is the lead investigator assigned to this case and has worked for a number of years to bring this case to a successful conclusion. Police also credit the U.S. Marshall Service, AMW.com and local and D.C. area media in assisting with effecting Bowers' capture.

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