

Media Release



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Former Colonial Heights Police Officer Arrested

On June 7, 2017 the Colonial Heights Police Department began an investigation into allegations of misconduct by a Colonial Heights Police Officer. The Agency became aware of an incident that occurred in March of 2017, in which during an arrest of an individual, the officer allegedly transmitted videos from the arrestee's cell phone to his personal cell phone. Upon learning this information, the agency immediately launched an investigation into the circumstances and the officer was suspended from duty pending the outcome. During the initial phase of the investigation, the officer tendered his resignation and is no longer associated with our agency. Despite the resignation, our agency continued to investigate and at the conclusion, submitted our findings to the Colonial Heights Commonwealth Attorney's Office. A special prosecutor was appointed and on November 6, 2017 the case was presented to a Colonial Heights Special Grand Jury. The Grand Jury heard from several witness and evaluated all evidence presented. At the conclusion, the Grand Jury determined that criminal charges were appropriate.



Bryan Glinn Drake

30 years of age

Colonial Heights resident

Bryan Glinn Drake, 30 years of age, of Colonial Heights has been arrested and charged with three (3) counts of misdemeanor embezzlement and three (3) counts obstruction of justice. Mr. Drake was released on a \$1000 unsecured bond and will next appear on February 27, at 1 pm in Colonial Heights Circuit Court.

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Statement from Colonial Heights Police Chief Jeffrey W. Faries:

“As difficult as it is for any police department to have charges brought against one of their own, we aggressively pursue any allegations of misconduct because nothing is more important than the integrity of the department and the confidence that the community has in this organization. Within 12 hours after the allegation was made, the officer was suspended and never returned to work as a police officer with our department. An internal investigation ensued, and the officer resigned his position prior to the completion of the investigation. Once our investigation was completed, we provided the results to our Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, who subsequently requested a special prosecutor. After consulting with the special prosecutor, it was decided to take the matter to the Grand Jury and let our residents decide the direction of the case. We support the decision made and will continue to support the prosecution.”

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If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact the Colonial Heights Police Department at (804)520-9300 (option 7) or the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers at (804)748-0660.