

# Media Release



## Colonial Heights Police Department

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### **\*\*\*ARREST UPDATE\*\*\***

On November 12, 2019, a Colonial Heights Grand Jury returned two indictments for Shane Erick Dent in relation to a fatal crash on July 6, 2019. On that date, Colonial Heights Police responded to the area of Boulevard and Birch Avenue for a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. EMS personnel determined that the pedestrian, Jack Dale Leabhart Jr, 65 years of age, was deceased. The Colonial Heights Major Accident Investigation Team responded and conducted an investigation. As a result of that investigation, the Colonial Heights Commonwealth's Attorneys Office obtained indictments for DUI as well as Involuntary Manslaughter for Dent. On November 25, 2019, Shane E. Dent was arrested without incident, processed and released on a \$5000 unsecured bond pending his next court appearance on November 26, 2019 at 9 am in the Colonial Heights Circuit Court.



Shane Erick Dent  
34 years of age  
1500 Hardwood Ct, Midlothian

## Colonial Heights Police Investigating Fatal Crash

On July 6, 2019 at 9:30p.m., Colonial Heights Police were dispatched to the area of Boulevard and Birch Avenue for a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. EMS personnel arrived on scene a short time later and determined that the pedestrian was deceased. The victim has been transported to the State Medical Examiner's Office in Richmond for examination.

The driver of the vehicle, Shane Erick Dent, 34 years of age, of the 1500 Block of Hardwood Court, Midlothian, was taken into custody at the scene of the crash for driving under the influence of alcohol. Dent was processed and released on an unsecured bond, pending his next court appearance on July, 15 2019 in Colonial Heights General District Court. Additional charges may be pending.

The Colonial Heights Major Accident Investigation Team is on scene investigating this crash and at this time, the name of the victim is being withheld pending notification to the next of kin.

This investigation is still ongoing. If you have any information regarding this accident, please contact the Colonial Heights Police Department at 520-9300 option #7. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact the Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers at (804) 748-0660, or submit a tip using the mobile  app.

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