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UPDATE

Colonial Heights Police Make Arrest for Shooting

On December 25th, 2022 at approximately 5:00pm, Colonial Heights Police Department responded to 2100 block of Wakefield Ave for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers contacted the victim who advised that a male acquaintance came to the residence and attempted to force entry through the front door. The suspect, who was not able to successfully enter the residence, then fired several rounds into the front of the structure, striking the victim and striking and killing the victim's dog. As a result of the shooting, the victim was transported to an area hospital by Colonial Heights Fire & EMS for an injury that was considered non-life threatening. There were no other reported injuries and no other reported damage to property

On December 29th 2022, Colonial Heights Police Department Detectives arrested Rashaun Smith without incident in Petersburg, Virginia for this crime.

Smith is currently charged with Breaking and Entering with the Intent to Commit Murder, as well as Malicious Wounding, Animal Cruelty, Reckless Handling of a Firearm, Shooting into an Occupied Dwelling, and Discharging a Firearm within City Limits. Additional charges are pending as Detectives continue to investigate this crime. Smith is currently being held at Riverside Regional Jail without bond pending his appearance in the Colonial Heights General District Court. The Colonial Heights Police Department would like to thank the Petersburg Bureau of Police for their assistance with this case.

Rashaun Smith

22 years old

Petersburg, VA

If you have information about this crime, or any other and would like to remain anonymous, please contact Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers at (804)748-0660 or submit a tip using the mobile app.