

Media Release

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Discharge of a Firearm

On July 4, 2023, at approximately 8:00 pm, while working the July fourth fireworks display, Colonial Heights Police were approached by a citizen about a subject who had discharged a firearm. Units responded to the 600 block of Southpark Boulevard and contacted the witness.

When officers arrived on scene they observed approximately six shell casings in the parking lot of the business. Witnesses advised the male suspect, identified as 59-year-old Garryl L. Crawley of Charles City County, pulled out a handgun and began shooting approximately six rounds into the air. Mr. Crawley was located and found to be intoxicated. He was in the company of three juveniles, ages were 6 months, 1 year and 3 years of age. The three juveniles were released to a family member who was also on scene. Mr. Crawley was taken into custody without incident and the hand gun was recovered. There were no reported injuries associated with this incident.

Mr. Crawley has been charged with three counts of Felony child endangerment, one count of misdemeanor reckless handling of a firearm, misdemeanor discharging a firearm in a public place and drunk in public. He is currently being held without bond at Riverside Regional Jail. Additional charges may be pending upon consultation with the Colonial Heights Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Mr. Crawley's pretrial court date is July 5, 2023, in General District Court. He also has a court appearance scheduled for July 27, 2023, in Juvenile Domestic Relations Court.



Garryl Lydell Crawley of
Charles City County

If you have information about this incident and would like to contact the Colonial Heights Police Department, please call 804-520-9300, option #7 and leave a message for Officer T.E. Bennett or email him at bennett@colonialheightsva.gov.

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