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Colonial Heights Police Make Weapons Arrest

On December 27, 2023, at approximately 2:30am, Colonial Heights Police responded to the 300 Block of Nottingham Drive in reference to a reported domestic assault and brandishing of a firearm.

During the investigation, officers obtained a search warrant for the home to collect evidence related to the reported crime. The subsequent search of the home resulted in the recovery of a large cache of firearms, several military ballistic vests and ballistic helmets, narcotics, and items indicative of the distribution of narcotics.

Officers identified Joshua Jernigan, 39 years of age as the resident of the home and arrested him for domestic assault and battery as well as brandishing a firearm. Additionally, Jernigan has been charged with the following charges related to items located in his home. Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a sawed-off shotgun, possession of a schedule one or two narcotic with the intent to distribute, possession of a firearm while in possession of a schedule one or two narcotic, and possession of ammunition by a convicted felon. Jernigan was transported to Riverside Regional Jail without bond pending his next court appearance in Colonial Heights General District Court.

Colonial Heights Detectives continue to investigate this case and in consultation with the Colonial Heights Commonwealth Attorney's office additional charges may be forthcoming. The Colonial Heights Police would like to thank the Virginia State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms for their assistance with this case.

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. You may also contact Senior Detective M. Davis at (804)898-3066 or at davism@colonialheightsva.gov. A photograph of Jernigan and some of the items confiscated is shown below.



Joshua Jernigan
39 years of age
Colonial Heights Resident



Weapons recovered



Ammunition recovered



Ballistic Helmets and Vests Recovered