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HPD Makes Murder Arrest Related to March 30th Death Investigation

HARRISONBURG, Va. – A suspect in a murder investigation dating back to this spring is now under arrest following a detailed investigation by the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD).

HPD officers responded to the 100 block of North High Street on March 30, 2023, for a 9-1-1 call concerning an unresponsive male. The man, 42-year-old John Clayton Carter, who resided at the residence, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The Northern Virginia Medical Examiner's Office ruled the death a homicide the following day.

HPD's Major Crimes Unit conducted an extensive investigation and was able to identify a suspect – 27-year-old Tristen Michael Moore, of Grottoes – in the homicide. The case was brought before the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Grand Jury on Monday, Dec. 18, with the Grand Jury issuing an indictment on the suspect.

The Grand Jury Indicted Moore on:

- 18.2-32 - Murder in first degree
- 18.2-53.1 - Use of firearm while committing murder

The United States Marshals Service apprehended Moore without incident following the indictment. He is currently being held at the Rockingham/Harrisonburg Regional Jail.

HPD encourages anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the Major Crimes Unit by calling (540) 437-2650. Those who have information and wish to remain anonymous may do so by calling Crime Solvers at (540) 574-5050 or by texting "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to 55,700 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.