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HPD Makes Arrest Related to Drive-By Shooting

HARRISONBURG, Va. – A suspect in a drive-by shooting that occurred on December 1, 2023, has been identified and arrested. This followed a month-long investigation by the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) Major Crimes Unit.

HPD officers responded to the Public Safety Building at 11:00 p.m. on December 1st to speak with two victims who reported being shot at while in their vehicle moments earlier. The complainants stated that while driving on Old Furnace Road a vehicle had passed them going in the same direction when they heard a loud bang, which sounded like a gunshot. The victims were unharmed but drove directly to the Public Safety Building. HPD Officers inspected the victims' vehicle and did in fact locate what appeared to be a gunshot hole in their vehicle.

HPD's Major Crimes Unit conducted an extensive investigation and was able to identify a suspect – 30-year-old Chavis Rashad Williams, of Barboursville Virginia – in the shooting. Warrants were obtained for Williams for the crimes related to the incident.

Warrants were obtained for Williams for the following:

- 18.2-154 – Maliciously shoot at an occupied vehicle.
- 18.2-279 – Unlawfully shoot into an occupied dwelling.
- 18.2-26/18.2-51.2 – Attempted malicious wounding (two counts).
- 18.2-286.1 – Shooting from a motor vehicle creating risk of injury or death to another.
- 18.2-308.2 – Knowing possess a firearm after having been convicted of a violent felony.
- 18.2-53.1 – Using a firearm while committing/attempting malicious wounding, with previous conviction of 18.2-53.1.



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Williams was already in custody at the Middle River Regional Jail (MRRJ) on separate charges from another jurisdiction and was brought before a magistrate. He was returned to MRRJ where he is being held without bond.

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).

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