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****UPDATE****

Colonial Heights Police Conducting Death Investigation

On December 21st, 2022 at approximately 1:00 pm, the Colonial Heights Police Department responded to the 1300 Block of Yacht Basin Drive for a report by a citizen of possible human remains located in the wood line. Officers responded and did in fact locate the body of a deceased male. The individual was unable to be identified at the scene and was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Richmond for further examination.

On January 3, 2023, Colonial Heights Detectives with the assistance of the Virginia State Police were able to positively identify the victim as Marcus James Johnson, a 19-year-old resident of Chesterfield County. Johnson was last seen by a family member on November 16th, 2022 leaving his home on Esquire Road in Chesterfield County. Johnson was reported by his family as a missing person to the Chesterfield County Police on November 27th, 2022.

In addition to identifying Johnson, Detectives have determined that this case is an active homicide investigation and although the victim was located on Yacht Basin Drive, believe the crime occurred at another location.

The Colonial Heights Police Department is asking anyone that may have had contact with Johnson, or may have any information about this crime, to please contact Senior Detective C. Velasquez at (804)520-9329 or at velasquezc@colonialheightsva.gov. Johnson was last seen wearing blue jeans, a white puffer jacket, a red cap, and ton squad sneakers.



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.

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