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Jamycheal Mitchell Update – State Police Investigation

PORTSMOUTH, VA - On March 21, 2017, the Commonwealth's Attorney requested that the Virginia State Police investigate additional allegations regarding the circumstances surrounding Jamycheal Mitchell's death at the Hampton Roads Regional Jail. Today, this office received the results of the State Police's investigation into the additional allegations.

This office has sought additional records and witnesses in this matter from the former medical services provider for Hampton Roads Regional Jail during Jamycheal Mitchell's incarceration. As of June 6, 2017, the medical services provider has indicated that they will fully cooperate and make available various records, as well as allow the Commonwealth to interview twenty-two employees. This office will conduct its examination of the records and employees using its own internal investigator. The medical services provider cannot say how long it will take to produce the requested records and employees; therefore, this office will provide a progress update when feasible.

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