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**Investigation into the Death of 17-year-old Mechanicsville
Resident Results in Arrest**

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office responded to the 6400 block of Lark Way on December 18, 2011, at approximately 3:00 p.m. to investigate a report of a man down.

Upon arrival Deputies located a deceased black male lying on the ground adjacent to a fence behind a residence on Lark Way. Investigators identified the victim as Jyrefe P. Clark, 17, of the 6000 block of Sandy Valley Road in Mechanicsville.

The preliminary investigation indicates that Jyrefe Clark sustained a gunshot wound while visiting a residence on Lark Way. After being shot, Clark's body was moved from the home and left on the adjacent property.

Investigators have charged Franklin E. Robertson III, 17, of the 6400 block of Lark Way with first degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Robertson is currently incarcerated at Merrimac Juvenile Detention Facility. Two other individuals, a 17-year-old and 18-year-old, were each charged with accessory after the fact in this case. Due to the nature of this investigation, identifying information for these two individuals will not be released at this time.

Investigators are continuing to conduct interviews and evaluate forensic evidence, as well as consulting and informing the Commonwealth's Attorney on all aspects of this case.

The Sheriff's Office joins the community in mourning the tragic death of Jyrefe Clark. We ask that the community keep the Clark family in their thoughts and prayers.

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