
Disorder in private party in Mechanicsville results in serious injuries

One person received a gunshot wound to the face and another received treatment at a local hospital for cuts and abrasions, as a result of a disorder that took place early Saturday morning at the American Legion Post 175 in Mechanicsville.

The American Legion, located at 9164 Atlee Road, was rented out for a private party, when at approximately 1:00 a.m. on March 7, 2009, several disorders developed. During the course of the disorders, a 24-year-old black male received a gunshot wound to the face. Investigators later determined that Tyrone Lee Anderson Jr., a 25 year old from S. 17th Street in Richmond, was responsible for the shooting.

Anderson was arrested several hours after the incident and charged with Malicious Wounding and Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony. He is currently incarcerated at Pamunkey Regional Jail.



"Hanover County has experienced similar large disorders in the past at facilities that chose to rent for private gatherings with limited knowledge on the purpose or size of the party. As was the case in this incident, without proper screening criminal activity and significant injuries are inevitable. What began as an opportunity for a private facility to gain financially resulted in considerable deployment of public safety resources. It is incumbent on facilities to take on the task to properly screen renters or be accountable for the impact on our community," said Colonel V. Stuart Cook.

While the Sheriff's Office has considerable information on the activities at the American Legion Post 175 on the night of March 7th, anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at (804) 365-6140 or Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000.

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