



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
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Hanover Investigators make arrest on burglaries to several medical office buildings in Mechanicsville.

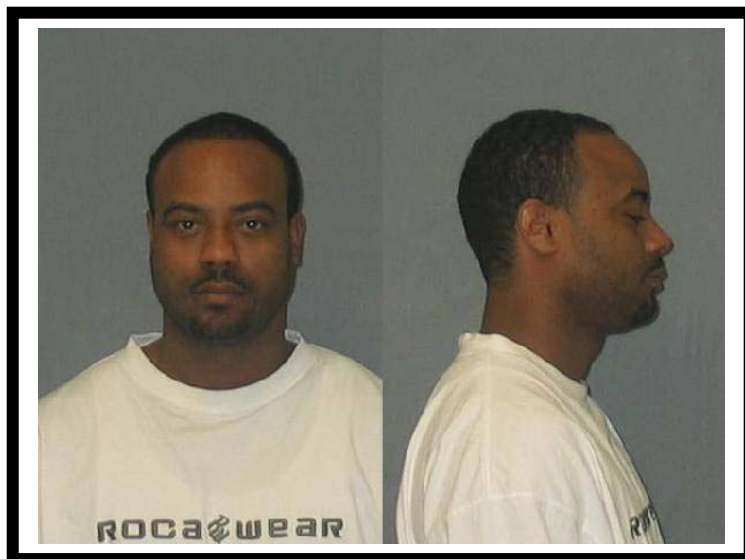
Jerry M. Norris, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, was arrested on Monday, February 13, 2006, with the assistance of the Virginia Beach Police, and charged with 18 felonies related to the 21 reported incidents that occurred on September 24 and 25, 2005, in medical offices on the grounds of Memorial Regional Medical Center in Hanover County. Investigators are continuing to review evidence, and additional charges are pending on several other break-ins that occurred at the same facility in the spring of 2005. The break-ins disrupted several medical practices and resulted in several thousand dollars in property damage.

Investigators developed Norris as a suspect by first contacting other agencies and health care institutions for similar crimes. It was determined that similar incidents occurred at Richmond Community Hospital and Bank of America in downtown Richmond. Hanover Investigators linked those two cases by obtaining records on a stolen credit card and cell phone. Leads were developed in eastern Virginia, Indiana, and Michigan. A photograph of Norris was obtained at a 7-11 in Norfolk where the stolen credit card was used to make a phone card purchase. That phone card was subsequently linked to Norris through phone records. After this identification was made, Investigators learned of Norris's arrest in Indiana for burglaries to medical offices.

Having identified Norris as a viable suspect in our cases, the Virginia Division of Forensic Science was contacted regarding DNA evidence that was recovered from the crime scenes at Memorial Regional Medical Center. When that comparison was completed, it conclusively linked Norris to the cases at Memorial Regional Medical Center.

Investigators are sharing information with other agencies throughout the metro area and area states in an effort to determine Norris's involvement in other crimes.

"Investigator Eddie Smith did an outstanding job on these cases. His exhaustive efforts not only cleared break-ins in Hanover County, but provided several other jurisdictions with information and evidence on similar crimes. The manner in which this arrest was made demonstrates not only to the law enforcement community but to the criminal element that Hanover County Sheriff's Office will patiently and intently obtain the information and resources necessary to bring criminals to justice," said V. Stuart Cook.



Norris, Jerry M.