



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff



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Four investigators from the Hanover County Sheriff's Office were summoned to present evidence and testimony in the John Allen Muhammad trial being conducted in Rockville, Maryland.

The Investigators, scheduled to testify tomorrow, were members of the crime scene team responsible for the integrity and recovery of all evidence related to the sniper shooting that critically wounded Jeffrey Hopper in the abdomen while he left the Ponderosa Steakhouse in Ashland, Virginia, on Saturday, October 19, 2002.

The work of the investigators has been utilized in previous sniper trials and is again critical in this case. The investigative efforts have also been recognized by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) after receiving the Choicepoint Award in 2003 for excellence in criminal investigations in the Sniper Task Force.

"We continue to be proud of the efforts of all the officers in Metro Richmond that responded and were invaluable to this investigation. Their efforts have proved to be vital in the on-going prosecution of both John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo," said Colonel V. Stuart Cook.

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