

# HANOVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Two-year-old dies as a result of Child Abuse**

HANOVER, Va. – Marcus S. Williams, 27, of Mechanicsville, was arrested on April 16, 2016, after deputies responded to his apartment in the 7100 block of Garden Park Lane in reference to an apparent domestic disturbance called in by neighbors. Once on scene deputies located Mr. Williams and a two-year-old unconscious male with obvious signs of trauma. Hanover Fire/EMS was summoned and immediately transported the child to VCU Medical Center. Marcus Williams was arrested and charged with Child Neglect and Malicious Wounding on April 16, 2016, and is currently incarcerated at Pamunkey Regional Jail.

On the afternoon of April 17, 2016, James L. Brown, the two-year-old male, died as a result of his injuries.

The Hanover Sheriff's Office is working closely with the Medical Examiner's Office to determine the scope of injuries that led to the child's death and the Hanover Commonwealth's Attorney in regard to additional charges. The Hanover Sheriff's Office would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to the family affected by this senseless act of violence.

Anyone with further information about this incident is asked to contact the Hanover County Sheriff's Office at (804) 365-6140 or the Metro Richmond Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000. Citizens can also text Crime Stoppers at 274637 (CRIMES), using the keyword "iTip" followed by their tip. Both Crime Stoppers methods are anonymous.



Marcus S. Williams

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