



# Hanover County Sheriff's Office

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### **Investigation Complete into Assault Allegations at Mechanicsville High School**

Hanover, Va. – On Friday August 19, 2022, the Hanover County Sheriff's Office received an anonymous tip of an alleged assault that occurred at Mechanicsville High School. Deputies took a report of the initial assault complaint and immediately began an investigation. The Sheriff's Office notified Mechanicsville High School administration of the investigation Friday afternoon.

After dozens of interviews, the Sheriff's Office has completed its thorough investigation into the alleged criminal assault at Mechanicsville High School. In consultation with the Hanover Commonwealth Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office has forwarded the names of two juvenile offenders to the courts for prosecution of simple assault in violation of Virginia Code 18.2-57.

As this incident involves juvenile students, the Sheriff's Office will not be releasing any juvenile's name or identifying information.

It should be noted, the Hanover County Sheriff's Office was the only entity conducting the criminal investigation. Due to misinformation circulating within the community, the Sheriff's Office would also like the public to know that we never provided any recommendation or input into the suspension of the Mechanicsville High School football season as that would be outside our scope.

The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the parents and students who cooperated with our investigative efforts. The Sheriff's Office also extends our thanks to Principal Charles Stevens and his staff at Mechanicsville High School for their assistance.

Anyone with further information about this case 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 download the "P3 Tips" app for their mobile device to submit their tip. Both Crime Stoppers methods are anonymous.

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