



# Hanover County Sheriff's Office

## Media Release



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### Death Investigation

Hanover, Va. – Last night, December 24, 2022, at approximately 7:37 p.m., deputies, along with officers from the Ashland Police Department, responded to the 100 block of East Omni Court in reference to a shooting that had just occurred.

Once on scene, units located an adult male suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. The adult male victim was pronounced deceased by Hanover Fire-EMS. He has since been identified as James Edward Clarke, 59, of Ashland.

An adult male, Eric Joe Key, 59, of Richmond, was immediately taken into custody upon law enforcement's arrival in connection to this shooting. Key has been charged with First Degree Murder (F) and Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony (F).

This incident remains under investigation by the Hanover County Sheriff's Office.

Anyone with 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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