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HPD Arrests Female for Attempted Murder for Hire

Harrisonburg, VA – Investigators with the Harrisonburg Police Department arrested Heather Lyn Bergen, 33, of Grottoes, VA on October 19 for multiple charges in relation to a murder for hire investigation.

On the night of October 18, Bergen met with an undercover police officer, in the City of Harrisonburg, in an attempt to hire the officer to kill multiple individuals. Bergen presented the officer with numerous names of individuals, along with addresses, phone numbers, and vehicle descriptions. After a price was negotiated and initial payment was received, Bergen was arrested.

Bergen was arrested on the following charges:

- 18.2-29- Solicitation to commit murder (felony), three counts
- 18.2-25/18.2-31(2)- Attempt to commit capital murder/murder for hire (felony), two counts

Lt. Chris Rush, Division Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division states, “This is an investigation that we are taking very seriously. Not only did the suspect in this case want to hire someone to kill multiple individuals, the suspect had a plan of how certain things were to be carried out, provide detailed information about the potential victims, and negotiated prices to have the plan carried out.”

HPD is encouraging anyone in the community who may have additional information on this investigation to contact the Harrisonburg Police Department, Criminal Investigations Division, at 540-437-2640

Callers are able to remain anonymous by calling Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text “HPD” plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).

An arrest photo of Bergen can be obtained from the Rockingham/Harrisonburg Regional Jail.

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