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Update: HPD Investigates Shooting

Harrisonburg, VA –

On December 20, 2018 at approximately 5:30 PM, the Harrisonburg Police Department responded to the 1200 Block of Goldfinch Drive for a report of a gunshot wound. Once on location, Officers immediately secured the area, and discovered two deceased individuals.

Investigation concluded Philip W. Pope, 52, of Dayton, VA shot the female victim inside the residence and then fled the scene on foot. Pope later shot himself nearby and was also pronounced deceased at the scene.

The female victim, 44, was a resident of the Goldfinch Drive address and was known to the suspect. The female was identified and also pronounced deceased at the scene.

The HPD Major Crimes Unit is still investigating, however have determined this to be an isolated incident with no threat to public safety. The Harrisonburg Police Department asks that anyone with additional information about this incident contact the Major Crimes Unit at (540) 437-2640. Anyone who wishes to remain anonymous may contact Crime Solvers at (540) 574-5050 or text "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).

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