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## Investigation into 2022 suspicious death leads to arrest on murder charge

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department has obtained a charge of first-degree murder and arrested an individual after an extensive investigation of a suspicious death on Eastover Drive from 2022.

Police responded to the 400 block of Eastover Drive on Aug. 18, 2022, at approximately 7:13 p.m. for an unknown situation. A body located at a construction site was determined to be Towan Julian Cappell.

After an extensive investigation, Detectives from HPD's Major Crimes Unit obtained a charge and arrested Aaron Christopher Gordon Jr., 25, of Harrisonburg, for first-degree murder. Gordon was arrested May 12 and is being held without bond at the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail.

No further information will be released at this time.

Anyone with additional information that can assist with this investigation can contact Detective Bradley Matthias at 540-437-2669 or by email at [bradley.matthias@harrisonburgva.gov](mailto:bradley.matthias@harrisonburgva.gov). Anonymous tips related to this incident, or any crime, can be sent to Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050 or by texting "HPD" plus the tip to CRIMES (274637).



(Above) Aaron Christopher Gordon Jr.

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**Approved for release by:**  
**Captain Jason Kidd**

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