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Nelson County Murder Suspect Arrested in Harrisonburg

HARRISONBURG, VA – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) has arrested Katelynn Ann Hipes, 22, of Augusta County. Ms. Hipes was wanted out of Nelson County for the following charges:

- 18.2-32: Second Degree Murder
- 18.2-53.1: Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony

HPD received information from the Nelson County Sheriff's Office that Ms. Hipes, who was wanted in connection with the early morning homicide of Kevin Scott Small, may be in the Harrisonburg area.

HPD officers, in coordination with the U.S. Marshals Capital Area Task Force, were able to identify her location at a residence on Lee Ave. in Harrisonburg, and HPD's Criminal Investigations Division then obtained a search warrant for the address.

Just after 4 P.M. on April 22nd, the HPD Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) team executed the search warrant at the residence. With assistance from the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT), Ms. Hipes was taken into custody without incident.

HPD would like to thank its public safety partners, the Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Center (ECC), who played a critical role in making this a successful operation.

The ECC issued a shelter-in-place order at approximately 4:13 p.m. directed at the affected neighborhood and nearby streets. This decision, made by law enforcement, aims to alert the public about a potential threat within their vicinity. Residents are advised to remain indoors in a safe place during a shelter-in-place order, and they should anticipate a substantial police presence in the area. Community members can register to receive these types of alerts by going online to https://harrisonburgva.gov/eas.

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