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Two Charged After Shooting at Harris Gardens Apartment Complex

Harrisonburg, VA— At 4:52 pm on September 1, 2026, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communication Center (HRECC) received a call stating there were multiple gunshots heard in the 200 block of Vine Street. Just after that, an additional caller stated he had just shot someone who broke into his apartment.

The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD), Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD), and Harrisonburg Rescue Squad responded and found a 19-year-old male with multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to Sentara RMH by ambulance and flown to UVA Medical Center. He has serious injuries but is in stable condition.

HPD Criminal Investigations Detectives, HPD K9 Unit, and the HFD Drone Team responded to assist with the investigation. Based on information gathered at the scene, a subsequent search warrant was executed at Howard Johnson on E Market Street in Harrisonburg.

Joshua Dean, 18, is being charged with possession with intent to distribute a schedule I or II narcotic, a felony. A juvenile is charged with breaking and entering with intent to commit murder, a felony, and as a principal in the second degree, a felony.

This is still an active, open investigation and more charges may be filed in this case. Anyone with information on this shooting should call 540-434-4436 and ask to speak with Detective Urrutty or visit www.harrisonburgva.gov/tip-411. Both methods are anonymous, and information leading to the arrest of a suspect may be eligible for a reward through Crime Solvers.

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