



**Richmond City Sheriff's Office**  
**Sheriff C. T. Woody, Jr.**



# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **MEDICAL EXAMINER FINDS DEATH OF INMATE DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES**

RICHMOND, VA --- Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr. today released the following statement regarding one of the three decedents who passed away while in custody last week: Said Sheriff Woody, "Today we were notified on a preliminary basis by the Office of the Medical Examiner that in the case of Javon Antoine Morris, his Manner of Death was of natural causes, and no foul play is suspected. His exact Cause of Death is still pending the results of the toxicology report, which may take several weeks." Sheriff Woody continued, "With regards to interest in the dual investigation into the deaths of Shawn Samuel and Zachary Tuggle, it is still ongoing, and we are leaving no stone unturned in the pursuit of facts. We wish to share additional facts when they are made available to us."

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*The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a secure jail and a safe court system, along with seamless inmate transport and civil process to preserve public safety. We remain committed to performing these duties with unsurpassed integrity and professionalism, with progressive training that incorporates best practices and technology. While partnering with the community, we strive to lower recidivism by providing faith-based and community-based programming that empowers ex-offenders to become productive members of society.*