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**RCSO COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE**  
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**Richmond-** Richmond City Sheriff, Dr. Antionette V. Irving, is partnering with the **Court Jesters Comedy Basketball Team** and Richmond Public Schools for a family night of fun on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm at Armstrong High School Gymnasium. This **free** basketball game will feature members of Richmond Public Safety and RPS staff verses The Court Jesters.

**The Court Jesters** offer a wide variety of entertainment from basketball tricks to court antics to slam-dunks and even the cha-cha slide. They have highly talented former professional and college basketball players with years of experience and great showmanship. Their purpose is to provide endless laughs, countless smiles, and good cheer to the entire audience and everyone involved.

This Family fun event is a collaborative effort between local public safety agencies and RPS to help bring awareness to the community, and character building for our youth through laughter and entertainment. During this promotion, the Court Jesters will visit schools in the area to speak with the children and youth about the importance of education, drug awareness, self-esteem, confidence building, and anti-bullying.

The Richmond City Sheriff's Office will provide gun safety information and resources to parents and families. This initiative is to help keep everyone aware of the dangers that a weapon may present in the household, especially where there are children present. They will also offer many other resources for families during this day of fun. The RCSO will also provide child IDs and fingerprinting for children.

Athletics have a positive influence on our children, youth, and the community at large, so let's have some fun doing it. We want children and youth to feel as though they matter and that they are being heard. The desire of Sheriff Irving is to help build fundamental relationships with the community. What better way than through this family fun night featuring the Court Jesters Comedy Basketball Team on **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** at Armstrong High School Gymnasium located at 2300 Cool Lane. See you there. **We're playing basketball in the City of Richmond and building relationships to nurture safe neighborhoods!**

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