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RCSO Launches Playing Cards Designed to Help Resolve Unsolved Cases

Richmond-Dr. Antionette V. Irving, Sheriff has partnered with the Office of the Attorney General, the Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, the Richmond City Police Department, and Metro Richmond Crime Stoppers to create a set of playing cards featuring images of the victims of unsolved homicides in the hope the playing cards will generate tips that lead to the resolution of the cases. We feel it is important that we as a law enforcement community help to bring resolution to these cases for the family healing process.

The deck of playing cards features 52 cards in the four standard suits. The front of the card displays the victim's photograph and name, and details about the case. The reverse side includes the P3 TIP LINE information and how to provide information regarding the case. The decks are being distributed to inmates within the Richmond City Justice Center for recreational use in the hope they may have and share information about the crimes.

In distributing the cards Sheriff Irving hopes that the inmates will recognize the face of the victim or even remember something particular about the case that will bring resolution. Simply having the image on a card hopefully will ignite a more personal response and prompt a tip.

If an inmate does have information in reference to that particular unsolved case they can contact the tip line or have a family member call the tip line to give the information. Once the information is given to the Crime Stoppers Tip Line it will be reviewed for validity. If in fact the information given is proven valuable the inmate or family member will receive a reward.

All parties involved in the project have high expectations for its success in bringing resolution to any one or more of the existing cold cases.

Since taking office in 2018 Sheriff Irving has been working to address cold case homicides and missing persons cases. She appreciates the efforts of Citizens Against Crime, Inc. for its continued support of this project. Now with the support of the Office of the Attorney General, the Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, the Richmond City Police Department, and Metro Richmond Crime Stoppers this will be the first such type of project in the Tri-Cities area. Since the first introduction of these types of playing cards in 2007 (Florida) the unsolved homicide playing cards have assisted in solving numerous cases. Our goal is to increase tips to solve crimes and cold cases and provide a resolution to the grieving families and loved ones impacted by homicides in our community.

Sheriff Irving hopes that the playing cards will help gain information and generate tips that lead to solving these existing cold cases.



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