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DRUG BUST MADE INSIDE RICHMOND CITY JUSTICE CENTER

RICHMOND, VA --- Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr. reported today that an inmate had been charged with bringing drugs in to the Richmond City Justice Center.

On Wednesday, September 9, 2015 the Richmond City Sheriff's Office's Investigative Division received information that two inmates, housed in the same area of the jail, were in possession of contraband. During a secured search, drugs were discovered and the two inmates in question admitted to possessing them. A field test of the substances found them positive for heroin, and the items were logged and placed into evidence.

During the course of the investigation it was revealed that the two inmates had obtained the drugs from another inmate, Jon Lewis, Jr. During his interview Mr. Lewis freely admitted that he had secreted the drugs into the Justice Center on his person when he was booked on Friday, September 04, 2015.

Mr. Lewis was taken before a Magistrate and a warrant for Possession of Drugs by a Prisoner (53.1-203), a Class 6 Felony, was issued with no bond allowed. The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and may result in the filing of additional charges.

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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.

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