



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



# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **JAIL RESIDENT PASSES AWAY AT HOSPITAL**

Richmond, VA—Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr. announced today that Johnathan Wade Southworth passed away on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at VCU Medical Center.

Mr. Southworth was currently being held without bond on a probation violation for a prior Grand Larceny. On February 1, Mr. Southworth was transported to the John Marshall Courthouse where he was to appear before the Court. While in the court holding cell, Mr. Southworth was observed moving freely to and from the restroom area of the cell.

A deputy went to retrieve Mr. Southworth for his court appearance and found him unresponsive. Life saving measures, to include an AED, were begun and medical units responded and Mr. Southworth was transported to VCU Medical Center on February 1.

Mr. Southworth was admitted to the CCU having suffered from cardiac arrest and subsequently passed away on February 4. Next of kin have been notified and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is conducting an autopsy.

*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.*