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Henrico Police Addresses Editorial Social Media Videos and Calls into the DEC

Update 3 (01/07/25):

(Henrico County, Va.) – Henrico Police is aware of editorial social media videos discussing the Henrico Doctors' Hospital NICU investigation. These individuals in the video claim the victims were targeted by the suspect on account of their race. The preliminary investigation indicates this information is not factual.

As with any investigation, the Henrico County Police Division is utilizing all available resources to ensure a thorough investigation into this matter. This involves reviewing dozens of videos from inside the NICU. Due to the sensitive nature of these cases, specific information including race/gender/types of injuries, etc. is not able to be released; detectives do not want to compromise the investigation moving forward.

"We understand the feelings and emotions this investigation has generated for our community members and beyond," said **Henrico Chief of Police Eric D. English**. "We kindly request patience as our detectives work to investigate every piece of evidence in connection to these cases. The Henrico County Police Division is working seamlessly with our partners, including the Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, to investigate these cases; we will not be deterred."

Additionally, these videos direct citizens to contact the Henrico County Department of Emergency Communications (DEC) to share their thoughts and information on the investigation. If you have information specific to this investigation, please contact Henrico Police at police@henrico.gov. You may also submit tips anonymously via Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000 or by using P3tips.com.

Calls to the DEC are for active incidents. We respectfully ask only individuals who have emergency or non-emergency-related incidents to call the DEC.

Update 2 (01/03/25):

(Henrico County, Va.) – Henrico Police has arrested and charged a Chesterfield County woman in connection to an ongoing investigation involving a Henrico Doctors' Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).





During the course of the investigation, detectives identified **Erin Elizabeth Ann Strotman, 26, of Chesterfield County**, as a suspect in this case. Ms. Strotman faces charges of malicious wounding and felony child abuse in connection to an incident that occurred in November 2024.

Currently, the Henrico County Police Division is utilizing all available resources to ensure a thorough investigation into this matter. This involves reviewing dozens of videos from inside the NICU. As previously mentioned, detectives are re-examining the 2023 and 2024 cases as part of this broader investigation.

"We appreciate the families' and public's patience as we work as thoroughly and expeditiously as possible to investigate every piece of evidence in connection to these cases," said **Henrico Chief of Police Eric D. English**. "I would also like to acknowledge the unwavering efforts of our detectives who continue to comb through hundreds of hours of footage and extend my sincere gratitude to Henrico's Child Protective Services (Department of Social Services), the Henrico County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Virginia State Police, the Virginia Department of Health, and the Office of the Attorney General for their assistance in this matter."

Please note, due to the sensitive nature of these cases we will provide updates when available, so it does not compromise the investigation going forward.

Any questions or concerns related to the <u>HCA Virginia Health System</u> can be directed to the public relations department with the healthcare system.

Anyone with further information about these incidents is asked to contact Henrico Police Det. M. Lynch at police@henrico.gov. You may also submit tips anonymously via Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000 or by using P3tips.com.

Update 1 (12/31/24):

(Henrico County, Va.) – All of the previously closed cases related to these incidents have been reopened as part of the recent broader investigation. All of the families involved in this current broader investigation have been notified, to include those from 2023.

Original Statement (12/26/24)

(Henrico County, Va.) – Henrico Police have been made aware of an internal investigation involving Henrico Doctors' Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Detectives within Henrico Police's Special Victims Unit have been assigned to follow up and investigate to determine if there are any criminal violations that have occurred. At this time, no charges have been filed.





Henrico County is prepared to utilize all available resources to ensure a thorough investigation. Henrico Police are partnering with Child Protective Services within Henrico's Department of Social Services, Virginia State Police, the Virginia Health Department, and the Attorney General's Office to ensure all evidence is examined meticulously. We are committed to protecting our residents, particularly our youngest and most vulnerable.

Due to the sensitive medical nature of this investigation, additional details will be limited until the investigation is concluded.

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