



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



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SHERIFF ISSUES STATEMENT ON SHOOTING DEATH OF VIRGINIA TROOPER**

Richmond, VA— Today, Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr. released the following statement regarding the death of Virginia State Trooper Special Agent Michael T. Walter:

“I, and everyone at the Richmond City Sheriff’s Office, send our deepest condolences, thoughts, and prayers to the family of Virginia State Trooper Special Agent Michael Walter, as well as to the Virginia State Police. Trooper Walter died while doing what every law enforcement officer does: making our communities safer for the families that live in them, and removing those from the community who are a danger to innocents. Mr. Walter’s family received a call earlier this morning that no law enforcement family ever wants to, or ever should, have to receive. Our hearts go out to them during this extremely difficult time.”

“The violence in our communities is inexcusable and unacceptable. It can only stop with the assistance of those living in the community. I encourage and implore the citizens of Richmond to work with Chief Alfred Durham, and the Richmond Police Department, and to inform them when they witness something they know is wrong and/or illegal. This is a difficult request to fulfill for several citizens in our communities, and I understand the fear that many of them have, but the violence, crime, and deaths will only continue unless ordinary citizens stand up and take back their communities.”

“The greatest resource of any law enforcement agency is the community that they serve. Police cannot be everywhere all the time; they rely on the people they serve to give them valuable information to stop a crime before it occurs, or to catch a criminal once the deed is done. So again, I ask the public: If you have any information about any crime in the City of Richmond, please contact the Richmond Police Department, and please keep the family of Trooper Walter, the Virginia State Police, and the Richmond Police Department in your thoughts and prayers on this Memorial Day Weekend.”

*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.*