

# HANOVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# NEWS RELEASE

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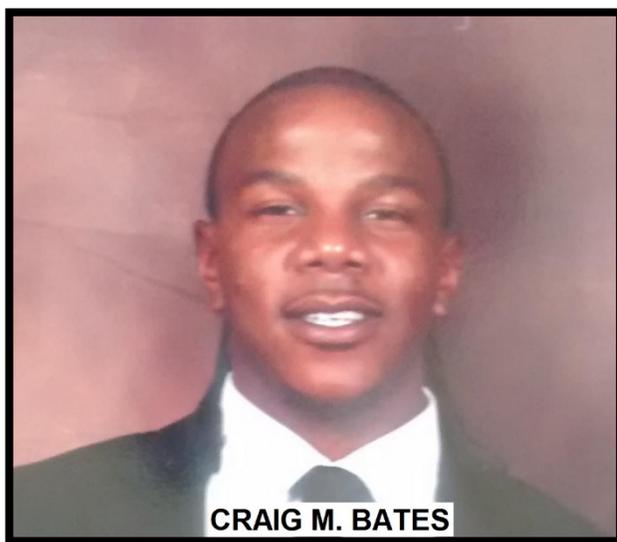
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### Hanover County Sheriff's Office Conducts Death Investigation

UPDATE - In consultation with the Medical Examiner, it has been determined that Craig M. Bates died after suffering from a of a gunshot wound.

Investigators continue to follow-up on all available leads. We are still seeking to speak with anyone having contact with the victim, observed the pictured Infinity SUV, or having knowledge on who he may have been with or communicated with, on the evening of June 26<sup>th</sup> and early morning hours of June 27<sup>th</sup>. Attached you will find a photo of Craig Bates and the vehicle, an Infinity SUV, that he was known to use.



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Previous Released Information

06/28/2015

UPDATE - Investigators have identified the body discovered yesterday in the 1500 block off Mickie Town Road as 30-year-old Craig Michael Bates of the 1500 block of Mickie Town Road of Hanover County. This incident is being investigated as a homicide.

Known family members have been notified and we ask that you keep the family and friends of Craig Bates in your thoughts and prayers.

Investigators are interested in speaking with anyone aware of the victim's activities on June 26 and 27. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Hanover County Sheriff's Office at (804) 365-6140 or the Metro Richmond Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000. Citizens can also text Crime Stoppers at 274637 (CRIMES), using the keyword "iTip" followed by their tip. Both Crime Stoppers methods are anonymous.

06/27/2015

HANOVER, Va. – Today, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the Sheriff's Office responded to the 1500 block of Mickie Town Road for report of a deceased black male found outside near the road.

There are signs of trauma, however the cause and manner of death are still under investigation. Investigators are evaluating all evidence in this case and are working closely with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to determine the cause and manner of death, as well as to positively identify the victim.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Hanover County Sheriff's Office at (804) 365-6140 or the Metro Richmond Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000. Citizens can also text Crime Stoppers at 274637 (CRIMES), using the keyword "iTip" followed by their tip. Both Crime Stoppers methods are anonymous.

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