



**UPDATE TO RELEASE**  
**The May 13<sup>th</sup> Shooting is now a Homicide**

On May 13, 2018 at approximately 12:40 AM, the Martinsville Police Department was notified of a shooting that occurred in the 1000 block of Askin Street. A victim was taken to SOVAH of Martinsville. That victim was Sean Demetrius Goddard, Jr. (age 20) of Axton, VA. Mr. Goddard was not able to recover and on May 14<sup>th</sup> he died from those injuries. As a result of his death, additional charges of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder and Conspiracy to Commit 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder have been added to the list of warrants against Brandon Thomas and Adrian Watkins. The updated list of warrants is as follows:

**Brandon Tarall Thomas**, B Street Martinsville, age 30; Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Conspiracy to Commit 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder, Attempt 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder, Shoot a firearm into an occupied dwelling, Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony, Posses Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Discharging a Firearm in a Street Resulting in Bodily Injury to Another, Reckless Handling of a Firearm Resulting in Bodily Injury to Another, Brandishing a Firearm after having been previously convicted of such.

**Adrian Eugene Watkins**, Travis Court Bassett, age 27; Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Conspiracy to Commit 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder, Attempt 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder, Malicious Wounding, Shoot a firearm into an occupied dwelling, Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony, Discharging a Firearm in a Street Resulting in Bodily Injury to Another, Reckless Handling of a Firearm Resulting in Bodily Injury to Another.

Both Brandon Thomas and Adrian Watkins are being sought by area law enforcement and are considered armed and dangerous. The case is still being actively investigated. The public is urged to call 911 if they know of the whereabouts of either Thomas or Watkins. If anyone has any information regarding this crime, contact Sergeant Ratcliffe at 276-226-0218 or Crime Stoppers at 276-63-CRIME. More information will be released when available; however for now, no further information will be released.

**Original Release**

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