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RICHMOND POLICE CASE 24-7974**

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On August 7, 2024, at 1:18 am, Richmond Police Dispatch received calls of shots being fired inside a residence in the 1300 block of Lincoln Ave.

Officers responded and located a male victim suffering from at least one gunshot wound inside the residence. Despite life-saving efforts, the victim succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

Officers determined that an argument between two residents of the home escalated when one of them, identified as Paul Ballenger, 44yrs, retrieved a firearm. Ballenger then fired at least one round at the victim, striking him. Ballenger was taken into custody at the scene without incident. He was booked into the Richmond City Jail on one count of murder (PC 187(a)). The victim's identity is not being released at this time, pending notification of his family.

For any further inquiries, please contact the Public Information Officer at RPDPIO@RichmondPD.net.