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Homicide Investigation Update – Carlson Boulevard and Potrero Avenue

(Richmond, California) – On November 8, 2025, at approximately 8:09 PM, the Richmond Police Department Communications Center received multiple reports of shots fired in the area of Potrero Avenue and Carlson Boulevard, with at least one person reportedly struck by gunfire.

Responding officers located an adult male victim suffering from gunshot wounds. Despite immediate life-saving efforts by officers and emergency personnel, the victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. He has been identified as Griffin Hammond, a 20-year-old Richmond resident.

A short time later, a second individual arrived at a local trauma center seeking treatment for a gunshot wound. Officers determined that this individual had also been injured during the same incident.

RPD Homicide Detectives conducted an exhaustive investigation, interviewing witnesses and reviewing surveillance footage. Their investigation determined the following sequence of events:

- Hammond was inside a store in the 800 block of Carlson Boulevard when Subject #1 entered. After a verbal exchange, Subject #1 brandished a firearm at Hammond.
- Hammond backed away, moved toward the exit, and drew a concealed firearm. He exited the store and collided with Subject #2, who was approaching the entrance.
- Hammond pointed his firearm at Subject #2 and fired. Subject #2 fled to the side of the building as Hammond continued firing. Subject #1 remained inside the store and did not re-engage.
- Hammond then moved toward the intersection of Carlson Boulevard and Potrero Avenue while continuing to fire in the direction of Subject #2.
- Subject #2 produced a firearm he had concealed on his person and returned fire, striking Hammond once, fatally.
- Subject #2 was also struck by gunfire from Hammond. He self-transported to a local hospital for treatment and has since been discharged.

On December 8, 2025, the Richmond Police Department presented the case to the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office for review. After evaluating the investigation, the District Attorney's Office declined to file charges against either Subject #1 or Subject #2. Because they were not charged with a crime, their identities are not being released at this time.

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