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**Richmond Police Department Stands Behind
July 4th Investigation As it Moves to Federal Court**

[RICHMOND, Va.] – Chief Gerald Smith stands behind the investigative work done by Richmond Police Detectives to stop a mass shooting planned for July 4th.

Following up on a tip from a concerned individual who heard a plot of a mass shooting planned for July 4th the Richmond Police Department began an exhaustive investigation to determine its validity. Based on the initial information and subsequent investigation, investigators recovered firearms and several hundred rounds of ammunition from the suspect's residence.

Today, we have been informed that based on the evidence presented, the case will go Federal and is now in the hands of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia.

As the case moves forward, we will learn more about what charges will be pursued federally.

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