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## **The Independent Review of the Police Use-of-Force Incident That Occurred on November 8, 2025, Has Been Completed**

**COLONIAL BEACH, VA, February 23, 2026** — Following a comprehensive review conducted by the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations, the Northumberland Commonwealth Attorney's Office concluded that there was no probable cause to pursue criminal charges against the officers involved.

Northumberland Commonwealth Attorney Jane Wrightson determined that the force used was directed toward gaining control of the subject and found no evidence of racial bias. These conclusions were reached after a thorough review of all available evidence.

With the criminal review complete, the Police Department will now proceed with an internal administrative review to ensure all policies and procedures were followed. An independent consultant has been engaged to assist in this process to reinforce fairness, objectivity, and accountability.

The Town values transparency and public trust and remains committed to a full and fair review of this matter. The Town appreciates the community's patience and confidence in the independent review process. The Town also extends its sincere appreciation to the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations and the Northumberland Commonwealth Attorney's Office for conducting a full and unbiased review of this incident.

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