



Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

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VPRJ ANNOUNCES WARRANTS SERVED FOLLOWING CONTRABAND INVESTIGATION

Williamsburg, Virginia – Colonel Roy Witham, Superintendent of the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail (VPRJ), announced today that a Warrant for Arrest has been served to Nichole Marie Frey on October 20 of this year. Ms. Frey is charged with a single violation of the Code of Virginia, §18.2-474, *Delivery of Articles to Prisoners* (Misdemeanor). Ms. Frey was released on a summons by Investigators from the Tri-Rivers Drug Task Force and is scheduled to appear in James City County/Williamsburg General District Court on October 31.

In connection with the above matter, two inmates currently in custody at VPRJ have also received additional charges. Inmate Richard Wright, III is charged with one count each of violating the Code of Virginia, §18.2-474, *Delivery of Articles to Prisoners* (Misdemeanor) and §18.2-474.1, *Delivery of Drugs...to Prisoners* (Felony). Inmate Wright was transferred to VPRJ from the Hampton Roads Regional Jail on September 14, 2023, and is currently serving a sentence for Malicious Wounding from Hampton.

Inmate Alexander Xavier Berkley was also charged with one count each of violating the Code of Virginia, §18.2-474, *Delivery of Articles to Prisoners* (Misdemeanor) and §18.2-474.1, *Delivery of Drugs...to Prisoners* (Felony). Inmate Berkley was committed to the custody of VPRJ on March 2, 2021, for a number of charges including two counts of Attempted Murder in the First Degree and two counts of Using a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony from York County.

VPRJ Investigators developed intelligence concerning an effort to introduce contraband into the facility via a citizen. VPRJ Investigators monitored, confirmed, and shared this information with the Task Force and together prevented any introduction of contraband into VPRJ.

“I am proud that once again, our Investigators were able to prevent the introduction of dangerous contraband into our facility,” Superintendent Colonel Roy Witham said. “Members of the public and current inmates who conspire to deliver or attempt to bring drugs or other unauthorized items into VPRJ be warned: our Officers and Law Enforcement partners stand ready to intercept and disrupt those attempts, and that all persons involved, whether in custody or in our communities, will be held accountable.”

The Tri-Rivers Drug Task Force is comprised of Investigators from the Virginia State Police, York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office, Gloucester County Sheriff’s Office, Middlesex County Sheriff’s Office, Matthews County Sheriff’s Office, City of Poquoson Police Department, James City County Police Department, and the City of Williamsburg Police Department.

This investigation is on-going, and no additional details are available at this time.

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