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Officer Struck by Motorcycle as Part of Group Traveling on West Broad Street

This evening, at approximately 5:04p.m., Richmond Police officers responded to the report of aggressive driving by a group of motorcycles near the intersection of Broad and Terminal. Once on scene, the officer began directing traffic and at approximately 5:13p.m., in the **1300 block of West Broad Street**, the officer was struck head on by a motorcycle within the pack.

The driver left the scene and the officer was transported to a local hospital by an RPD officer where he is now being evaluated and treated for a head injury.

The driver of one of the motorcycles traveling within the group, an adult male, was later stopped in Henrico then transported back to Richmond where he is currently being detained and questioned with traffic related charges pending.

Statement by Mayor Levar Stoney:

This brave officer put himself in harm's way to protect the residents of our city. This incident is a reminder of the challenges our first responders face every day and the sacrifices they are willing to make to serve and protect us.

I am grateful that the officer survived this potentially deadly encounter and ask you to join me in wishing him a speedy recovery from his injuries.

Statement by Richmond Police Chief, Gerald M. Smith:

What happened this evening was a despicable and cowardly act that will not be tolerated. Our RPD family stands with this officer and his family. We are grateful for the way our men and women work every day to protect this community, despite the risks they face.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to **call RPD Detective V. Griffith at (804) 646-1718** or contact **Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000**. The P3 Tips Crime Stoppers app for smartphones also may be used. All Crime Stoppers reporting methods are anonymous.

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