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Update to Vinyard Park Shooting

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 –At 9:30 p.m. Monday, Roanoke County Police were conducting a routine security check at Vinyard Park and came across two vehicles in the parking lot. The officer spoke to the two males in the first vehicle and moved on to the second vehicle, a pickup truck parked about 40-feet away. The officer observed a male inside the truck holding a handgun. The male pointed the handgun at the officer and told him to go away. The officer retreated to cover behind the first vehicle and told the two males to seek shelter. The officer ordered the male in the truck to drop his gun. Subsequently, a gunshot was fired inside the truck and the male was found dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. The male was a 50-year old resident of Roanoke. The officer did not fire any weapons and no one else was hurt. Police continue to investigate.

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