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Police arrest man wanted in shooting near Capitol Square

RICHMOND – Authorities have arrested a man wanted for a shooting at a state parking deck near Capitol Square and for later speeding away from police with a small child in his car.

Hakeem L. Whitaker was taken into custody late Wednesday afternoon by members of the U.S. Marshals Service Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force.

“I am grateful to all of our law enforcement partners for their vigilance and especially to the members of the task force for getting this dangerous individual in custody,” said Col. Anthony S. Pike, the Division of Capitol Police chief. “This individual has repeatedly demonstrated a stunning disregard for human life, and he needs to be in a place where he cannot harm the public.”

Whitaker, 21, of South Richmond, was being held without bond Thursday at the Richmond City Justice Center on four felony charges: one count each of attempted first-degree murder, use of a firearm, eluding and

abuse/neglect of a child; as well as four misdemeanors: one count each of reckless driving, driving on a suspended license, disregarding a traffic control device and failure to keep the peace. His next court date is Feb. 23.

Capitol Police were called shortly before 10 a.m. on Dec. 4 for a report of shots fired in a state parking deck at Seventh and Marshall Streets, less than a block north of Capitol Square. Capitol Police investigators determined that Whitaker, part of a construction crew doing repair work at the deck, had gotten into an altercation with a fellow employee.

Investigators determined that as the coworker tried to drive from the deck, Whitaker fired multiple shots at him twice, first inside the garage and then at Seventh and Broad streets. The coworker was not injured.

Capitol Police found Whitaker back at the deck the next morning and attempted to stop his vehicle, but he drove off, reaching high speeds in a car that contained a 1-year-old child and the child's mother. Whitaker eventually led police to the Blackwell neighborhood in South Richmond, where he jumped out and fled on foot.



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