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## Capitol Police seek man for shooting at state parking deck

**RICHMOND** – The Virginia Division of Capitol Police has obtained numerous felony warrants for a man wanted for a shooting at a state parking deck and for later speeding away from authorities with a small child in his car.

Hakeem L. Whitaker, 21, faces four felonies: one count each of attempted first-degree murder, use of a firearm while attempting murder, elude and reckless endangerment of a juvenile. He also faces three misdemeanor charges: reckless driving, driving on a suspended license and failure to obey a highway sign.

Whitaker, who is 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 145 pounds, has a last known address in the 2500 block of Brady Street in South Richmond.

"This is a dangerous individual who has repeatedly demonstrated that he has no regard for human life, whether it involves adults or a small child, and we want him in custody as soon as possible," said Col. Anthony S. Pike,

the Capitol Police chief. "If anyone comes in contact with him or knows his whereabouts, we ask them to call police immediately."

Capitol Police were called shortly before 10 a.m. Friday for a report of shots fired in a state parking deck at Seventh and Marshall Streets, just 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 shot 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 Saturday 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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