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**STATUS OF INVESTIGATION OF THE USE OF TEAR GAS
AT THE LEE MONUMENT ON JUNE 1, 2020**

The Richmond Police Department (RPD) is the primary agency responsible for investigating alleged criminal acts in the City of Richmond. The Internal Affairs Division (IAD) of the Police Department is responsible for investigating allegations of improper or criminal conduct by a police officer, whether those allegations are made by another officer or by a civilian. Over the past eight weeks IAD has been investigating multiple complaints of police misconduct, including the chain of events that led to the use of tear gas by RPD officers at the Lee Monument of June 1, 2020. The Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney's Office has been informed that the investigation is extremely complex and is still on-going. Once IAD delivers its final investigative report to the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, we will review the report and determine whether criminal charges are appropriate against any individual.

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