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Roanoke man gets 42 years in prison

Before his 18th birthday, he committed three separate shootings that left one man dead and two others wounded

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The Roanoke Times

Nashawn Devion Smith, who before his 18th birthday committed three separate shootings that left one man dead and two others wounded in Roanoke, was sentenced Tuesday to 42 years in prison.

Now 22 years old, Smith received the term from Roanoke Circuit Judge Leisa

Ciaffone for the first-degree murder of Hakeem Logan on a northwest Roanoke street nearly five years ago.

Niya Logan, who traveled from her Philadelphia home to testify at the sentencing, said she was satisfied that Smith will spend most of his adult life behind bars — even though she will spend the rest of her life without her son.



Smith

“I’m blessed that justice was done for my child,” Logan said after the hearing. “I’m at ease. I will never be at peace, but I am at ease.”
Late on the night of Sept. 4, 2021, a caller to 911 reported shots fired on Harrison Avenue. Logan, 29, was found lying in the street, shot six times in the head and torso. His body was next to the car he arrived in. The car

was still running, music blasting from its speakers.

The shooting happened directly in front of Smith’s house. At the time, the then 17-year-old was free on bond awaiting trial on charges of shooting another teen in 2020 at Valley View Mall.

Five days after Logan was killed, a jury acquitted Smith of malicious wounding in the mall shooting, finding that he fired in self-defense. Later that same year, Smith

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COMMUNITY CONSIDERED VULNERABLE



COURTESY OF MOUNTAIN VALLEY WATCH

Looking west from the proposed site for the compressor station Hale’s Mobile Home Park and Midway Estates are visible.

COUNCIL HAS CONCERNS

Environmental justice group plans to write the governor about MVP’s proposed Swann Compressor Station

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ELLISTON — Members of Virginia’s Council on Environmental Justice said they plan to send a letter to Gov. Abigail Spanberger expressing concern over Mountain Valley Pipeline’s proposed Swann Compressor Station.

The council, established by former Gov. Terry McAuliffe in 2017, advises the governor and General Assembly on issues affecting low-income and minority communities that have historically borne

a disproportionate share of industrial and commercial development.

While it does not have regulatory authority, the council’s recommendations have carried weight in the past, particularly in establishing the original legislative protections for the communities it was created to defend.

Members said work is underway to draft a recommendation letter to the governor expressing concern over the Swann Compressor Station, where more than half of nearby residents are low-income

and fit the definition of a vulnerable community established in the Environmental Justice Act.

Recently, activists with Protect Our Water Heritage Rights (POWHR) and other community groups invited council members to tour land and homes nearest the site of the proposed infrastructure project.

That invitation preceded a Thursday visit, when two members of the 20-member council

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VOTING MACHINES

WH delays release of study

Report examines security gaps in how they are used during U.S. elections

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Reuters

WASHINGTON — White House officials have for months delayed the release of a U.S. government report that outlines what it describes as significant vulnerabilities in the nation’s voting machines ahead of the November midterms, according to three sources familiar with the matter.

The report, produced by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, concludes that voting machines could be further safeguarded by, for example, updating their software, the sources said. It does not say the vulnerabilities have led to votes flipping, but examines security gaps in how the machines are used during U.S. elections.

Some White House officials have argued the report could undermine voter confidence, particularly among Republicans. Others have said they do not believe the report goes far enough in supporting President Donald Trump’s false claims that the 2020 presidential election was rigged, the three sources said.

Some Democrats said privately they worried national intelligence director Tulsi Gabbard’s probe into voting machines would be used by the administration to push states to use paper ballots.

Several court cases filed by Trump’s lawyers failed to prove voter fraud in the 2020 presidential race.

The sources were granted anonymity to discuss internal administration deliberations.

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Flock installation suspended

Devices were placed at 16 incorrect locations in Roanoke

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Roanoke paused the rollout of gunshot detection devices in the city after sensors were installed at 16 incorrect locations.

City council members voted 5-2 in April to approve a permit allowing the 75 “Raven” audio detection devices from Flock to

be installed throughout Roanoke.

The city discovered Thursday that a vendor installed 16 of the devices at incorrect locations, according to the city’s community engagement team. None of the incorrectly placed sensors were activated, the city said. Roanoke’s error was first reported by WDBJ (Channel 7) and WSLs (Channel 10).

“At that time installation and activation was suspended until all improperly installed sensors are removed and the City is assured that all installation

locations have been properly identified, approved and permitted,” the community engagement office said in an email Tuesday afternoon.

The mistake was due to a data entry error that “occurred when the City compiled an installation list of 75 locations. As a result, the vendor installed shot detection sensors at incorrect locations,” the government’s statement said. Roanoke did not pay installation costs for the sensors.

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COURTESY OF KAITLYN VAUGHN

City crews remove a Raven gunshot detection device from near Kaitlyn Vaughn’s home in northwest Roanoke on Tuesday.

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Study finds needs for Montgomery Fire, EMS **PAGE A2**

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