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### **Man Charged with Gang Participation & Hazing**

SUFFOLK, Va. (June 1, 2009) Suffolk Police have charged a twenty-one year old Suffolk man in connection with gang participation and hazing. On Friday, May 29, members of Suffolk Police Department's Neighborhood Enforcement Team (N.E.T.) arrested James Christopher Watson Jr. of the 300 blk. of Autumn Circle. Watson was wanted participation in a criminal street gang, gang recruitment and hazing of a gang member.

N.E.T. Officers also executed a search warrant at the Watson's residence. The search warrant was for gang paraphernalia and any other gang related documents. N.E.T. recovered documents that referenced gang activity both in the prison and in Suffolk.

James Watson is a self proclaimed member of G-Shine Bloods. The charges stem from a 2008 incident in which Watson and a second gang member "beat in" a subject as part of initiation into that gang.

Watson is currently being held in Western Tidewater Regional Jail with no bond.

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