

## Officer-Involved Shootings in Virginia in 2019

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**Introduction:** The death of George Floyd at the hands of a policeman has raised the issue of the bias of police against black people. The topic was discussed at length at Bacon's Rebellion<sup>1</sup>. The discussion involved much speculation concerning the number of black people who were shot in the 28 officer-involved shootings in Virginia in 2019, the most recent year for which the data is available. The purpose of this report is to provide the data on the race of the people shot.

**Summary:** Of the 28 incidents in which an officer (police or sheriff) shot someone, 14 of the people shot were white; 6, black; 1 Cambodian; and 7, whose race could not be determined. Of those killed, 11 were white; 2, black; and 1 whose race could not be determined. The others were injured but not killed.

If the person did not attack police, there would have been only two incidents. In neither case, was the person killed. Those killed by police would be much fewer in number if people learned not to attack the police.

**Discussion:** The list of all incidents involving an officer-involved shooting was taken from the most-recent Virginia crimes report (2019)<sup>2</sup>. This list does not include the name or race of the person shot nor a description of the incident. In all cases, the shooting by the officer was deemed by the authorities to be justified.

To ascertain the race of the person shot, we conducted an Internet search. Most of the race information was determined from newspaper reports of the incident. In seven cases, the race could not be determined. In many cases the race was not specified, in which cases we relied on photographs, sometimes of family members. In some cases, the race was unclear but other evidence suggested the race. These are marked "likely" in Exhibit 1. We did not search data on death notices because these can be obtained (from the commonwealth) only by close relatives. There are many services that claim to have the data; however, the fees for obtaining the data were deemed too high for this study.

The original table from the crimes report is shown in Exhibit 1, augmented by the data obtained from our Internet search.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.baconsrebellion.com/wp/more-transparency-for-police-shooting-incidents/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.vsp.virginia.gov/downloads/Crime\\_in\\_Virginia/Crime%20In%20Virginia%202019.pdf](https://www.vsp.virginia.gov/downloads/Crime_in_Virginia/Crime%20In%20Virginia%202019.pdf)

Date	Location	Officer Affiliation	Person shot	Result	Race	Source of race info	Age	Circumstances
1/17/2019	Loudoun County	Loudoun County Sheriff's Office		injured	Cambodian	newspaper	29	broke into trailer, shot at officers when they arrived
1/20/2019	Richmond City	Richmond Police Dept	Kewine Eason	injured	black	likely	30	shot at police
1/27/2019	Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach Police Dept		injured	black	newspaper		Police responded to calls about gun shots, heard them themselves, appeared with gun
2/3/2019	Pulaski County	Virginia Dept of State Police		injured	unknown	newspaper		Man called police, when they arrived, he got out of pickup truck with shotgun, fired into hillside, then pointed gun at police, police shot back
2/3/2019	Pulaski County	Pulaski County Sheriff's Office	Donovan Tatro	injured	white	instagram		Thief fired at officers, escaped, hit two policemen with truck, police shot him
2/4/2019	Farmville	Dept of State Police	Corey Johnson	killed	white	newspaper	44	shot at and killed first policeman during drug raid, other policeman shot and killed Johnson
2/9/2019	Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach Police Dept	Jeffery D. Tyree	killed	white	newspaper	57	approached police with large knife in hand
3/28/2019	Chesapeake	Chesapeake Police Dept		killed	unknown	newspaper		Shot at police, shot back but not killed. Committed suicide
4/6/2019	Louisa County	Louisa County Sheriff Office		injured	unknown	newspaper		Man said he was suicidal, armed with gun when police arrived
5/1/2019	Scott County	Scott County Sheriff's Office	Timothy Manuel	killed	white	newspaper	28	fired a rifle at approaching policemen
5/9/2019	Wytheville	Dept of State Police	William R. Clark	killed	white	likely	31	shot at police.
5/9/2019	Wytheville	Wythe County Sheriff's Office		killed	white	newspaper		man shot at police from stolen truck, was being pursued
5/29/2019	Norfolk	Norfolk Police Dept	Isaiah Swift	injured	black	newspaper	23	a felon carrying a gun, was fleeing from policeman who shot him
5/29/2019	Norfolk	Norfolk Sheriff's Office	Jeffrey A. Owens	injured	white	newspaper	58	suffered a non-life-threatening gunshot wound in tussle with police in which he tried to get the policeman's gun.
5/31/2019	Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach Police Dept	Dwayne Craddock	killed	black	newspaper	40	Mass shooter
6/26/2019	Timberville	Timberville Police Dept	Michael S. Norquest	killed	white	likely	50	attacked officer with a sword. The officer fired back
7/7/2019	Timberville	Timberville Police Dept	Johnny W. Dellinger Jr.	killed	white	likely	41	had assaulted two individuals, shooting from outside their home, turned with gun walking toward policemen, warned
7/7/2019	Timberville	Rockingham County Sheriff's Dept	Johnny W. Dellinger Jr.	killed	white	likely	41	had assaulted two individuals, shooting from outside their home, turned with gun walking toward policemen, warned
7/9/2019	Richmond City	Richmond Police Dept	David B. Ford	injured	black	newspaper	22	was charged with carrying a concealed weapon after it fired from backpack, hitting policeman. Policeman did not shoot. Police went to disperse crowd after complaint.
8/5/2019	Clarke County	Clarke County Sheriff's Office	Timothy B. Neal	injured	unknown	newspaper	33	Felon, shot a policeman in car; policeman fired back
8/15/2019	Prince William County	Prince William County Police Dept	Mark Edward Johnson	injured	white	newspaper	54	was allegedly threatening his wife while also armed with a screwdriver. Warned but attacked police with a knife
8/17/2019	Newport News	Newport News Police Dept	Jerome Michael Uzzle	killed	black	newspaper	34	Ambushed and shot policeman in car. Uzzle shot by another policeman.
9/13/2019	Alexandria City	Alexandria Police Dept		injured	unknown	newspaper		Caught burglarizing with gun
9/17/2019	Henrico County	Henrico Police Dept	Gay Ellen Plack	killed	white	newspaper	57	was shot by policemen when she attacked them with an ax. She had mental issues.
10/16/2019	Roanoke City	Roanoke City Police Dept	Chase Austin	killed	white	newspaper	28	Banned from Krispy Kreme, went to the store anyway. They called police for trespassing with gun.
11/9/2019	Rural Retreat	Wythe County Sheriff's Office	William Cody Grimes	injured	unknown	newspaper	28	got policeman's gun during struggle, shot policeman. Policeman got away, shot Grimes with rifle.
11/28/2019	Newport News	Christopher Newport University PD		injured	black	newspaper		drew gun on policeman
12/27/2019	Newport News	Newport News Police Dept	Henry Kistler Berry III	killed	white	newspaper	43	after struggling with policemen, grabbed for Taser, shot by policeman

**Exhibit 1: List of the 28 Officer-Involved Shootings in Virginia in 2019**