



News Release

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- **Incident:** Shooting
- **Date of Incident:** 3/17/2011 **Time of Incident:** approx. 4:00 a.m.
- **Location of Incident:** 4600 block of Bonsack Rd., Roanoke, VA
- **Investigating Officer:** Det. A.D. Morris
- **Victim Name(s):** Mary Cook-Moore
- **Victim Age:** 32- years-old
- **Victim Residence Location:** Roanoke County resident
- **Suspect Name(s):** Christopher Coleman, age 22, Roanoke, VA native
- **Charges if Applicable:** Reckless handling of a firearm
- **Arrests Information:** The suspect was arrested and released on bond.
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- **Additional Remarks:** Roanoke County police were dispatched to a residence on Bonsack Road at approximately 4:00 a.m. today after receiving a report that someone had been shot. Upon arrival, police discovered that 32-year-old Mary Cook-Moore was suffering from a gunshot wound. Moore was taken to the hospital where she remains at the time of this writing. Roanoke County police are not releasing her condition. Police have charged 22-year-old Christopher Coleman with reckless handling of a firearm. Coleman was released by a magistrate on a personal recognizance bond. The female victim was shot at least once with a handgun. The shooting happened in her parent's residence. The victim and Coleman were acquaintances. The investigation has revealed that Coleman had been drinking prior to the shooting. Detectives are continuing to conduct interviews. At this time, they have not concluded how or why the shooting occurred.