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Arrest Made in July Suspicious Death Investigation

(Roanoke County, VA) - On July 7, 2025, Roanoke County Police Officers responded out to the 2000 block of Ridge Road to investigate a reported suspicious death. Detectives quickly confirmed there was no ongoing risk to the community and launched an intensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death.

Working closely with the Roanoke County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, detectives presented the case to the Roanoke County Grand Jury in August. The Grand Jury returned indictments for Second-Degree Murder, and Abduction against Bryan Lamonde-Smith, 19, of Roanoke County for the abduction and death of Anthony Shoemaker, 22, of Roanoke County.

On August 11, 2025, Bryan Lamonde-Smith was taken into custody without incident and is currently being held without bond at the Western Virginia Regional Jail.

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