

Freshman arrested, charged with felony possession of child pornography

By Sarah Smith - April 14, 2018



Turner August '21 was arrested April 6 and charged with six felony accounts of possession of child pornography. COURTESY PHOTO / WM.EDU

The College of William and Mary Police Department arrested Turner August '21 the morning of April 6 and charged him with six felony accounts of possession of child pornography.

August, a 19-year-old from Richmond, was arrested at 7:30 a.m. in Griffin D, a residence hall in the Green and Gold Village. Following his arrest, he was transported to the Virginia Regional Peninsula Jail.

April 10, Turner was released on bail and his case was transferred to another court or jurisdiction according to online records for the Williamsburg-James City County General District Court. According to the same records, his charges stem from an offense that occurred February 5, 2018.

College spokesperson Suzanne Seurattan said that the College of William and Mary does not comment on student disciplinary matters due to the Federal Family Rights and Privacy Act. In an April 13 statement to the Williamsburg-Yorktown Daily, she said that this could initiate the student disciplinary process.

“What I can tell you generally is that any criminal matter involving a student could initiate our internal student disciplinary process,” Seurattan said in the statement. “... Sanctions, if found in violation of the student conduct policy, could range from warning to suspension or dismissal depending on the severity of the incident and past experience with the individual.”

Sarah Smith

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Williamsburg/James City County Circuit - Criminal Division

Case Details

Case Number: CR18027978-00	Filed: 08/08/2018	Commenced by: Indictment	Locality: COMMONWEALTH OF VA
Defendant: AUGUST, TURNER CHRISTIAN	Sex: Male	Race: White	DOB: 03/06/****
Address: HENRICO, VA 23233-1060			
Charge: CHILD PORNOGRAPHY: POSSESS	Code Section: 18.2-374.1:1	Charge Type: Felony	Class: 6
Offense Date: 04/06/2018	Arrest Date: 04/06/2018		

Hearings

#	Date	Time	Type	Room	Plea	Duration	Jury	Result
1	09/19/2018	9:00AM	Grand Jury	1				True Bill -- Case Has Been Set
2	10/22/2018	1:00PM	Motion - Other Pre-Trial	1				Joint Motion
3	10/22/2018	1:00PM	Arraignment	1	Not Guilty			Set For Trial
4	01/03/2019	1:00PM	Motion - Other Pre-Trial	1				No Longer Under Advisement
5	01/14/2019	9:00AM	Motion - Other Pre-Trial	2				Withdrawn
6	01/31/2019	1:00PM	Arraignment	1				Set For Trial
7	05/10/2019	9:00AM	Trial	1	Guilty			Conviction
8	07/24/2019	1:00PM	Pre-Sentence Report	1				Continued Motion Of Prosec. Atty
9	09/11/2019	9:00AM	Pre-Sentence Report	1				Sentenced

Final Disposition

Disposition Code: Guilty	Disposition Date: 09/11/2019	Concluded By: Guilty Plea
Amended Charge:	Amended Code Section:	Amended Charge Type:

Jail/Penitentiary: Penitentiary	Concurrent/Consecutive:	Life/Death:
Sentence Time: 5 Year(s)	Sentence Suspended: 5 Year(s)	Operator License Suspension Time:
Fine Amount: \$0.00	Costs: \$453.00	Fines/Cost Paid:
Program Type:	Probation Type: Supervised	Probation Time: 25 Year(s)
Probation Starts: Probation To Begin Upon Sentencing	Court/DMV Surrender:	Driver Improvement Clinic:
Driving Restrictions:	Restriction Effective Date:	
VA Alcohol Safety Action:	Restitution Paid:	Restitution Amount: \$0.00
Military:	Traffic Fatality: No	

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Williamsburg/James City County Circuit - Criminal Division

Case Details

Case Number: CR18027979-00	Filed: 08/08/2018	Commenced by: Indictment	Locality: COMMONWEALTH OF VA
Defendant: AUGUST, TURNER CHRISTIAN	Sex: Male	Race: White	DOB: 03/06/****
Address: WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185			
Charge: CHILD PORNOGRAPHY: POSSESS	Code Section: 18.2-374.1:1	Charge Type: Felony	Class: 6
Offense Date: 04/06/2018	Arrest Date: 04/06/2018		

Hearings

#	Date	Time	Type	Room	Plea	Duration	Jury	Result
1	09/19/2018	9:00AM	Grand Jury	1				No Indictment Presented

Final Disposition

Disposition Code: No Indictment Presented	Disposition Date: 09/19/2018	Concluded By: Dismissal
Amended Charge:	Amended Code Section:	Amended Charge Type:

Jail/Penitentiary:	Concurrent/Consecutive:	Life/Death:
Sentence Time:	Sentence Suspended:	Operator License Suspension Time:
Fine Amount:	Costs:	Fines/Cost Paid:
Program Type:	Probation Type:	Probation Time:
Probation Starts:	Court/DMV Surrender:	Driver Improvement Clinic:
Driving Restrictions:	Restriction Effective Date:	
VA Alcohol Safety Action:	Restitution Paid:	Restitution Amount:
Military:	Traffic Fatality: No	

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Williamsburg/James City County Circuit - Criminal Division

Case Details

Case Number: CR18027980-00	Filed: 08/08/2018	Commenced by: Indictment	Locality: COMMONWEALTH OF VA
Defendant: AUGUST, TURNER CHRISTIAN	Sex: Male	Race: White	DOB: 03/06/****
Address: WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185			
Charge: CHILD PORNOGRAPHY: POSSESS	Code Section: 18.2-374.1:1	Charge Type: Felony	Class: 6
Offense Date: 04/06/2018	Arrest Date: 04/06/2018		

Hearings

#	Date	Time	Type	Room	Plea	Duration	Jury	Result
1	09/19/2018	9:00AM	Grand Jury	1				No Indictment Presented

Final Disposition

Disposition Code: No Indictment Presented	Disposition Date: 09/19/2018	Concluded By: Dismissal
Amended Charge:	Amended Code Section:	Amended Charge Type:

Jail/Penitentiary:	Concurrent/Consecutive:	Life/Death:
Sentence Time:	Sentence Suspended:	Operator License Suspension Time:
Fine Amount:	Costs:	Fines/Cost Paid:
Program Type:	Probation Type:	Probation Time:
Probation Starts:	Court/DMV Surrender:	Driver Improvement Clinic:
Driving Restrictions:	Restriction Effective Date:	
VA Alcohol Safety Action:	Restitution Paid:	Restitution Amount:
Military:	Traffic Fatality: No	

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Case Number: CR18027981-00	Filed: 08/08/2018	Commenced by: Indictment	Locality: COMMONWEALTH OF VA
Defendant: AUGUST, TURNER CHRISTIAN	Sex: Male	Race: White	DOB: 03/06/****
Address: WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185			
Charge: CHILD PORNOGRAPHY: POSSESS	Code Section: 18.2-374.1:1	Charge Type: Felony	Class: 6
Offense Date: 04/06/2018	Arrest Date: 04/06/2018		

Hearings

#	Date	Time	Type	Room	Plea	Duration	Jury	Result
1	09/19/2018	9:00AM	Grand Jury	1				No Indictment Presented

Final Disposition

Disposition Code: No Indictment Presented	Disposition Date: 09/19/2018	Concluded By: Dismissal
Amended Charge:	Amended Code Section:	Amended Charge Type:

Jail/Penitentiary:	Concurrent/Consecutive:	Life/Death:
Sentence Time:	Sentence Suspended:	Operator License Suspension Time:
Fine Amount:	Costs:	Fines/Cost Paid:
Program Type:	Probation Type:	Probation Time:
Probation Starts:	Court/DMV Surrender:	Driver Improvement Clinic:
Driving Restrictions:	Restriction Effective Date:	
VA Alcohol Safety Action:	Restitution Paid:	Restitution Amount:
Military:	Traffic Fatality: No	

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Williamsburg/James City County Circuit - Criminal Division

Case Details

Case Number: CR18027982-00	Filed: 08/08/2018	Commenced by: Indictment	Locality: COMMONWEALTH OF VA
Defendant: AUGUST, TURNER CHRISTIAN	Sex: Male	Race: White	DOB: 03/06/****
Address: WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185			
Charge: CHILD PORNOGRAPHY: POSSESS	Code Section: 18.2-374.1:1	Charge Type: Felony	Class: 6
Offense Date: 04/06/2018	Arrest Date: 04/06/2018		

Hearings

#	Date	Time	Type	Room	Plea	Duration	Jury	Result
1	09/19/2018	9:00AM	Grand Jury	1				No Indictment Presented

Final Disposition

Disposition Code: No Indictment Presented	Disposition Date: 09/19/2018	Concluded By: Dismissal
Amended Charge:	Amended Code Section:	Amended Charge Type:

Jail/Penitentiary:	Concurrent/Consecutive:	Life/Death:
Sentence Time:	Sentence Suspended:	Operator License Suspension Time:
Fine Amount:	Costs:	Fines/Cost Paid:
Program Type:	Probation Type:	Probation Time:
Probation Starts:	Court/DMV Surrender:	Driver Improvement Clinic:
Driving Restrictions:	Restriction Effective Date:	
VA Alcohol Safety Action:	Restitution Paid:	Restitution Amount:
Military:	Traffic Fatality: No	

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Williamsburg/James City County Circuit - Criminal Division

Case Details

Case Number: CR18027983-00	Filed: 08/08/2018	Commenced by: Indictment	Locality: COMMONWEALTH OF VA
Defendant: AUGUST, TURNER CHRISTIAN	Sex: Male	Race: White	DOB: 03/06/****
Address: WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185			
Charge: CHILD PORNOGRAPHY: POSSESS	Code Section: 18.2-374.1:1	Charge Type: Felony	Class: 6
Offense Date: 04/06/2018	Arrest Date: 04/06/2018		

Hearings

#	Date	Time	Type	Room	Plea	Duration	Jury	Result
1	09/19/2018	9:00AM	Grand Jury	1				No Indictment Presented

Final Disposition

Disposition Code: No Indictment Presented	Disposition Date: 09/19/2018	Concluded By: Dismissal
Amended Charge:	Amended Code Section:	Amended Charge Type:

Jail/Penitentiary:	Concurrent/Consecutive:	Life/Death:
Sentence Time:	Sentence Suspended:	Operator License Suspension Time:
Fine Amount:	Costs:	Fines/Cost Paid:
Program Type:	Probation Type:	Probation Time:
Probation Starts:	Court/DMV Surrender:	Driver Improvement Clinic:
Driving Restrictions:	Restriction Effective Date:	
VA Alcohol Safety Action:	Restitution Paid:	Restitution Amount:
Military:	Traffic Fatality: No	

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as of Weds, July 28, 2021

Personal Information	Offender I.D.#	Location	Release Date	
Turner Christian August Alias: <i>Not Available</i> 22/White/Male	1953953	Lunenburg Correctional Center	12/20/2023	