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**PRESS RELEASE:**

*The Rockingham County Sheriff's Office and the Commonwealth Attorney's Office would like to announce the availability of a reward for information on a major case that is being investigated.*

There is now a \$10,000 reward being offered to anyone who has information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Richard "Ricky" Charlton at his residence on Layman Trestle Road in October of 2014.

Ms. Joyce Hoover, the mother of the victim, has the following message she would like to send out to the public:

"I am begging anyone with information on my son's murder to come forward. In addition to being loved by myself and his family, the people of this community loved Ricky and appreciated his hard work and kindness. I am lost without him. Please help me bring justice to Ricky."

Commonwealth Attorney Marsha Garst states, "We believe there are people out there who have knowledge of this horrible crime. We ask them to please help us by providing any such information that they might have, and in doing so, it may qualify them for this reward we are now able to offer."

Sheriff Bryan Hutcheson adds, "This has been and still remains a very active investigation. We are following up on any and all information that could lead us to solving this case. Until that happens, we will not stop working on it. We must locate the person or persons responsible for this Homicide and we call upon anyone with information about it to help us do so."

There is no additional information we are able to release at this time.

Contact the Crime Solvers hotline anytime at 540-574-5050.

Thank you.