



# **BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Sheriff Banks Hinceman**

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Name:** ADAM NICHOLAS VINES  
**DOB:** 04/13/1994      **Age:** 29  
**Race:** White      **Sex:** Male  
**Address:** 1453 Levi Ln, Lenoir, NC 28645  
**Charges:** NCGS 14-315.1 (M) – Failure to Store a Firearm to Protect Minors  
**Bond:** Criminal Summons  
**Court Date:** January 5, 2024

**Update: November 28, 2023**

On November 27, 2023, the Burke County Sheriff's Office served a criminal summons on Adam Nicholas Vines for Failure to Store a firearm to Protect Minors.

**Details:**

On October 15, 2023, at approximately 8:26 p.m. the Burke County Sheriff's Office received a call about a gunshot wound at River Valley Baptist Church located at 1945 Conley Bumgarner Road in Morganton. Burke County Emergency Communications notified responding officers that the victim was an (approximately) 2-year-old child and had been shot in the head. Responding officers secured the scene and Emergency Medical Personnel assessed the patient and promptly requested helicopter transport by MedCenter Air to CMC Main in Charlotte, NC. At the time of this release, the child patient was undergoing surgery and was in critical condition. The investigation is ongoing, and information will be released as the investigation develops.

**Agencies Involved:**

Burke County Sheriff's Office  
Burke County Emergency Personnel

November 21, 2023