Hampton Police Division
Media Release

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Death Investigation determined an Accidental Shooting:
300 Block of Chamberlin Avenue

The Hampton Police Division has determined that the shooting that took place on July 2, 2015 in the 300 block of West Chamberlin Avenue was accidental.

At 9:24 p.m., Hampton Police Communications received a call in reference to a shooting that occurred in the 300 block of West Chamberlain Avenue. Upon officer's arrival, they located the victim, **Chris L. Palmer**, a 4-year-old Hampton male suffering from a single gunshot wound. He was transported by medics to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased upon arrival.

The investigation has revealed that the victim was inside his home when he obtained a loaded firearm and accidentally shot himself. **Lashawn D. Stephenson**, a 26-year-old Hampton man that resides in the 300 Block of West Chamberlin Avenue has been arrested in connection with this incident. He has been charged with one count of felony child neglect.

Lashawn Stephenson
ARRESTED

Sergeant Jason Price will receive questions about this release

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