



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Officer Involved Shooting of a Canine: 1600 Block of West Pembroke Avenue

The Hampton Police Division is currently investigating an officer involved shooting of a vicious canine that occurred on February 10, 2014.

At 5:49 a.m., the Hampton Police Division responded to a complaint of a vicious canine in the 1600 block of West Pembroke Avenue. Upon the officer's arrival, the officer observed a Pit bull tethered to a fence. The officer contacted animal control and waited for their arrival. When animal control arrived on scene, the canine freed itself from the tether and charged the police officer that had initially arrived on scene. Fearing for his safety, the officer discharged one round striking the canine. The canine was pronounced deceased at the scene.

As standard practice, for every police involved shooting, there will be two investigations that will run simultaneously; a criminal and an internal investigation. The owner of the canine has not been located. Anyone that may have any information that may assist with the investigation or that will assist in locating the owner is encouraged to contact the Hampton Police Division at 727-6111 or the Crime Line at 1-888-LOCK-U-UP.

Sergeant Jason Price will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6638.

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