



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Owner Charged in Vicious Canine Investigation: 600 Block of Bell Street

The Hampton Police Division has charged the owner of two vicious canines that are responsible for attacking five individuals on March 31, 2014.

At 10:52 a.m., Public Safety Communications received a w911 call in reference to two vicious canines in the 600 block of Bell Street. Upon officers' arrival they discovered three individuals had been attacked and bitten by two pit bulls. Police Officers and Animal Control Officers attempted to secure the canines when one of the pit bulls attacked and bit them. It was at this time that the officer that had been bitten discharged his firearm killing the vicious canine. The remaining canine was secured and is currently under quarantine. All five individuals were transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that a mail carrier delivered the mail to a home in the 600 block of Bell Street. When the resident opened the door to retrieve the mail, both canines fled from residence and attacked the mail carrier. Two civilians that observed the initial attack were bitten when they attempted to intervene.

The owner of the canines, **Eyvette Fitzgerald** a 58-year-old Hampton woman that resides in the 600 block of Bell Street, has been issued summonses for two counts of Canines at Large while Attacking, one count of Failure to Obtain a Dog License and one felony count of Possession of a Vicious Canine. The incident remains under investigation and additional information becomes available it will be released.

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

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