



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Manhunt for Armed Individual: 1100 block of Big Bethel Road

The Hampton Police Division is seeking the public's assistance in identifying and locating the suspect who is responsible for brandishing a firearm at a Hampton Police Officer.

On May 7, 2014 at 10:08 p.m., Virginia State Police conducted a traffic stop on a 2008 Chevrolet four-door sedan in the 1100 block of Big Bethel Road. When the vehicle stopped, the driver bailed from the vehicle and fled the area on foot. At 10:26 p.m., Hampton officers encountered an armed individual to the rear of the Michael Woods Plaza. The individual matched the description of the driver that had previously fled from the Virginia State Police. The armed individual displayed a firearm and brandished it at a Hampton officer. An additional Hampton officer observed the suspect's actions, fearing for the fellow officer's safety, subsequently resulted in the officer discharging their firearm in the direction of the suspect. The suspect fled the area on foot and was last seen running eastbound towards Magruder Boulevard.

At this time it is unknown if the suspect was struck. Residents are encouraged to remain indoors and avoid the area. Currently, Village Drive is closed to all traffic.

The suspect is described as a white male who was last seen wearing a dark blue hooded sweatshirt, light blue pants and a baseball cap. An intensive manhunt is currently being conducted in conjunction with the Hampton Police Division and the Virginia State Police. Residents are encouraged to remain indoors and avoid the area.

Anyone with information that will assist police is encouraged to contact the Hampton Police Division at **727-6111** or the Crime Line at **1-888-LOCK-U-UP**. Tipsters can also send an anonymous tip via text message to the Crime Line by texting "**HAMPTONPDTIPS plus your tip**" to **274637 (CRIMES)**. Crime Line callers remain anonymous and never appear in court. If a Crime Line call results in an arrest, the caller is eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.00.

Sergeant Jason Price will receive questions about this release at 757-751-7909
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