



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Suspect Identified in Homicide Investigation: 600 Block of Newport News Avenue

The Hampton Police Division has identified the victim, **Jonathan Bradley Coles**, of a homicide that occurred on May 17, 2014.

At 5:29 a.m., officers were flagged down in the first block of Dogwood Street and advised that there had been a shooting in the area of Newport News Avenue and Shell Road. Officers responded and located evidence of a shooting that had occurred in the 600 block of Newport News Avenue. Upon further investigation, they discovered the victim, **Jonathan Bradley Coles**, a 28-year-old Hampton man, deceased inside of a residence. The victim had suffered from a single gunshot wound to the upper torso.

Through the course of the investigation, **Kwaume Laray Edwards**, 25-year-old Newport News man with a last known address in the 300 block of E Circuit lane, has been identified in connection with this incident. He is currently wanted and has warrants on file for one count of homicide and one count of use of a firearm in commission of a felony. This individual should be considered armed and dangerous.

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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