



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Homicide Investigation: 800 Block of Downing Street

The Hampton Police Division is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect(s) in connection with a homicide that occurred on June 19, 2014.

At 10:49p.m., Public Safety Communications received a w911 call in reference to a shooting that had occurred in the 800 block of Downing Street. Upon officer's arrival, they located a 17-year-old Hampton male suffering from gunshot wounds to his upper and lower torso inside of his residence. Members of the Hampton Fire and Rescue Division arrived on scene and transported the victim by ambulance to a local hospital. Upon his arrival to the hospital the victim appeared to be in stable condition however, his condition worsened and he died as a result of the injuries he sustained at 1:20 a.m., June 20, 2014.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the victim had responded to the front door after the doorbell rang. As he opened the door shots were fired by unknown suspect(s) and the victim was subsequently struck. The motive and circumstances surrounding this incident are still under investigation. At the time when the shooting occurred there were additional occupants inside of the residence however there were no additional injuries.

As more information becomes available it will be released. The identity of the victim will not be released until the next of kin has been notified.

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.

Corporal Mary Shackelford will receive questions about this release at 757-846-6866
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