



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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For Immediate Release

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Suspicious Death being investigated as a Homicide: 5200 Block of West Mercury Boulevard

The Hampton Police Division needs the public's assistance in identifying the suspect(s) that are responsible for a homicide that occurred on September 9, 2014.

On September 9, 2014 at 10:23 a.m., Public Safety Communications received a complaint of a deceased person located inside of a vehicle in the Sears parking lot which is in the 5200 block of West Mercury Boulevard. Upon officer's arrival, they located a deceased person inside the cab of a 2006 Dodge Dakota. As a result of an autopsy that was performed on September 10, 2014, the deceased has been identified as **Marlon Previs Taylor**, a 39-year-old Hampton man. The autopsy also revealed that the victim died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds. Based on this information, the investigation which began as suspicious death investigation has been upgraded to a homicide investigation.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that just after 4 a.m. on September 9, 2014 the Hampton Fire and Rescue Division responded to a vehicle fire involving the above mentioned vehicle at the same location. The fire was extinguished; however the deceased was not located at that time. At 10:23 a.m., a passerby located the deceased and called Public Safety Communications for assistance. There is currently no suspect information and the motive remains under investigation.

Anyone with information that will assist police is encouraged to contact the Hampton Police Division at 727-6111 or Crime Line at 1-888-LOCK-U-UP. 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. You can also send an anonymous tip via text message to the Hampton Police Division by texting the keyword **757HPD** and your tip to **847411 (tip411)**. (Please be advised that the anonymous texting is not affiliated with Crime Line).

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

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