



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Suspect Identified in Robbery/Attempt Maiming Investigation: West Queen Street and LaSalle Avenue

The Hampton Police Division is seeking the public's assistance in locating **Eric Paul Cummings Jr**, in connection with a Robbery & Attempt maiming that occurred on September 17, 2014.

At 2:29 p.m., Public Safety Communications received a call in reference to a robbery from person complaint which occurred at the intersection of West Queen Street and LaSalle Avenue.

The investigation revealed that the victim, a 14-year-old Hampton male juvenile was in the area of West Queen Street and LaSalle Avenue when the suspect approached the victim, allegedly implied he had a weapon and demanded the victim's tennis shoes. The victim relinquished his shoes and ran back to his residence and informed his father of the incident. A short time later, the father, a 36-year-old Hampton man, returned to the area where the robbery occurred and observed the alleged suspect (in possession of the juvenile's shoes) in the company of an additional male individual. A verbal confrontation ensued between the father and alleged robbery suspect, at which time the victim's father proceeded to retake possession of his son's shoes. As he attempted to leave the area, an additional male who was with the initial robbery suspect, displayed a firearm and discharged multiple rounds. The victim's vehicle was struck multiple times as the victims fled the area. Neither of the victims sustained any injuries.

As a result of the investigation, **Eric Paul Cummings** a 19-year-old Hampton man is wanted in connection with the initial **Robbery** incident. He currently has an active warrant on file for one count of Robbery and was last known to reside in the 100 block of Wilderness Road. The additional suspect who discharged multiple rounds at the victim's vehicle has not yet been identified. There is currently not a complete description to disseminate at this time.

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.

For safety reasons, the Division strongly encourages citizens to contact police and provide accurate information about suspects and their location rather than confronting potential suspects.

Corporal Mary Shackelford will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6608.

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