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Suspect Arrested in Attempt Robbery & Maiming Investigation: 2100 Block of Woodmansee Drive

The Hampton Police Division has arrested **Oshea Javon Phela Ross** in connection with an attempt robbery and maiming investigation that occurred on October 1, 2014.

At 8:24 p.m., Hampton Communications received a shots fired complaint in the 2100 block of Woodmansee Drive. While officers were en-route to the area, the complaint was upgraded to a shooting. Upon officer's arrival, they located a 33-year-old Hampton man in the 2000 block of Nickerson Boulevard suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported by ambulance to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries; where, he currently remains.

The investigation revealed that the victim and a female companion had been in the 2100 block of Woodmansee Drive when they were approached by two unknown suspects; one of whom displayed a firearm and demanded the victims' personal effects. When the firearm was displayed, the female fled the scene and the male victim removed a knife from his waistband. He proceeded to engage in a physical struggle with the armed suspect, who subsequently shot the victim multiple times. The victim was able to flee the scene and was located in the 2000 block of Nickerson Boulevard by responding officers. As a result of the physical altercation, the suspect sustained a laceration and fled the scene. He was located in his residence located in the 1st block of Glasgow Way. He was transported by ambulance to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. After receiving treatment for his injuries, he was taken into custody. The suspect did not retrieve any property from either victim. The additional suspect, who initially approached both victims, fled the scene as the struggle between the victim and armed suspect took place.

The suspect who has been arrested in connection with this incident is **Oshea Javon Phela Ross**, a 19-year-old Hampton man who resides in the 1st block of Glasgow Way. He has been charged with two counts of Attempt Robbery, two counts of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony and one count of Aggravated Malicious Wounding. He is currently in the custody of the Hampton Sheriff's Office.

Anyone with information that will assist police in the identification of the **additional suspect** 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 "**HAMPTONPD TIPS 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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