



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Victim Identified in Homicide Investigation: First Block of Coliseum Crossing

The Hampton Police Division has identified the victim of the homicide that occurred on July 5, 2013 in the first block of Coliseum Crossing.

At 12:56 p.m., Hampton Communications received multiple calls in reference to a shooting in the first block of Coliseum Crossing. Upon officer's arrival they located, **Brianna Bell**, a 20-year-old Newport News resident, in the parking lot who had suffered from gunshot wounds to the upper torso. Members of the Hampton Fire and Rescue Division responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation reveals that the victim was in a vehicle with additional occupants, when a verbal altercation ensued. The altercation escalated, shots were fired and the victim was struck. The suspect is described as an African American male, 6'0"-6'1", 20-30 years-of-age, braided hair, wearing a blue shirt and black pants fleeing the scene on foot. As further information becomes available it will be released.

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 757-751-7909.

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