



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Victim Identified in Homicide Investigation: First Block of Phelps Circle

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

At 11:21 a.m., Hampton Communications received multiple calls in reference to possible shots fired in the first block of Phelps Circle. Upon officer's arrival they located the victim, **John Thomas Brown**, a 40-year-old Hampton man, laying in the roadway suffering from what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the upper torso. Members of the Hampton Fire and Rescue Division responded to the scene and transported the victim to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 11:48 p.m.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the suspect and victim, who are known to one another, got into a verbal altercation when the suspect brandished a firearm and shot the victim. The circumstances and the motive are still under investigation. There is currently no suspect information available for release. 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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