



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Suspect Sought in Homicide Investigation: 600 block of Milford Avenue

The Hampton Police Division is seeking the public's assistance with locating the suspect involved in a homicide that occurred on July 27, 2013.

At 1:31 a.m., Hampton Communications received an e911 call in reference to a shots fired in the 600 block of Milford Avenue. Upon officer's arrival they located the victim, **Michael Lovelace**, a 25-year-old Hampton man, who had suffered from a gunshot wound to the upper body. Members of the Hampton Fire and Rescue Division responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased at the scene.

The investigation revealed that the suspect and victim, who were known to one another, got into a verbal altercation. The altercation escalated and a firearm was displayed which subsequently led to the victim being shot. The suspect has been identified as **Brandon Xavier Coles**, a 20-year-old Newport News man with a last known address in the 2000 block of Marshall Avenue. He currently has warrants on file for one count of Murder, one count of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony and one count of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.



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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).

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

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