

Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Fatal Crash Investigation: 200 Block of Apple Avenue

The Hampton Police Division is currently investigating a fatal crash that occurred on September 8, 2013.

At 12:44 p.m., Hampton Police Communications received an e911 call in reference to a two vehicle crash in the 200 block of Apple Avenue. Officers and members of the Hampton Fire Rescue Division responded and located **Melvin Leon Jones**, a 52-year-old Newport News resident suffering from life threatening injuries. He was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased at 1:16 p.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the victim was driving a 1990 Nissan Maxima which was traveling South on Apple Avenue when it struck two unoccupied parked vehicles, a 1997 Infinity and a 2001 Mercury Sable both of which had been parked in front of a residence in the 200 block of Apple Avenue. The Nissan Maxima continued to proceed a short distance until it struck a tree. Preliminarily, neither speed nor alcohol appears to be contributing factors in this collision.

The crash is being investigated by members of the Hampton Police Division Fatal Crash Team.

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.

Corporal Mary Shackelford will receive questions about this release at 757-846-6866.

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