

NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (July 6, 2021) Suffolk Police are continuing to investigate the incident from Sunday, July 4th where a one year old child was struck by a stray bullet in the 100 block of South 5th Street. There are no suspects at this time.

Interim Suffolk Police Chief Alfred Chandler notes, "The senseless act of firing a weapon randomly into the air to celebrate a holiday or any other event can have potentially deadly consequences. These acts are not fun, they are not patriotic and they are not acceptable. These acts are dangerous. Thankfully, the child in this case is expected to be okay. Detectives are working tirelessly to identify the individual that caused this situation to occur. It is our duty and responsibility to do all we can to ensure that the residents of Suffolk feel safe inside or outside their home. Anyone with any information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Suffolk Police or Suffolk Crime Line."

To submit online, go to www.p3tips.com, visit the Suffolk Police Department website (www.suffolkva.us/spd) and look for the Suffolk Crime Line link, or go to the Suffolk Police Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/suffolkpolicedepartment. You can also call 888-LOCK-U-UP, 1-888-562-5887, Option 5. Once a person submits a tip, they will be given a TIP ID and password. With this information they can login at p3tips.com and submit follow-up information, engage in two-way dialogue, be informed of the outcome of the tip, and access any pertinent reward information.

SUFFOLK POLICE INVESTIGATING SHOOTING

SUFFOLK, Virginia (July 4, 2021) Suffolk Police are investigating a shooting which occurred in the 100 block of South 5th Street this evening, Sunday, July 4, 2021. Emergency Dispatch was notified of the incident at 9:20 p.m.

Suffolk Police responded to the scene and found a juvenile who had been grazed by a stray bullet which reportedly fell from the sky while he was outside with his family at the time of the incident. Following medical assessment and treatment from Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel, the child was ground transported to an area hospital with what is being considered a non-life threatening injury.

The incident remains under investigation. No additional information is available for release.

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