

## NEWS RELEASE

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## UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 18, 2016) The Suffolk Police Department advises that the toddler that was involved in the accidental shooting that took place last evening remains hospitalized at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. His injuries are non-life threatening.

Upon preliminary investigation it was found that the boy, age 3, had found the handgun that was kept in the home for protection and accidentally shot himself in the upper shoulder. The mother was the only adult at home when the incident occurred, along with another child, age 2.

The investigation remains ongoing at this time and charges are pending.

The Suffolk Police Department reminds citizens that if you have children in your house and you keep firearms, *keep the guns locked and unloaded*, with the ammunition locked in a separate location.

The Suffolk Sheriff's Office has free gun safety locks as part of their Project ChildSafe program available in their office located at the Godwin Courts Building, 150 North Main Street.

## **SUFFOLK POLICE INVESTIGATING ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 17, 2016) The Suffolk Police Department is currently investigating an accidental shooting incident that took place earlier this evening.

Emergency Communications was notified of the incident that occurred at a residence in the 200 block of Jonathans Way in the Applewood Farms neighborhood at 7:34 p.m.

The 3-year-old male victim suffered a gunshot wound and received emergency medical assessment and treatment from Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel and was airlifted to Sentara Norfolk General for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

The investigation is ongoing and no further details are available at this time.

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