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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Va. (March 16, 2009) Suffolk Police have identified the eight year old that died in yesterday's single vehicle , as well as the child's grandmother, who was operating the vehicle at the time of the accident. The operator of the Isuzu Rodeo was Robin Johnson Shields, age 46, of the 100 blk. of Candlewood Way, Newport News. The child is Jakiiya Ajane Boothe, age eight, of the same address.

Early indications are that the vehicle hydroplaned and excessive speed did not appear be a factor. However, they are following up on the vehicle possessing an expired rejection sticker that indicated the vehicle had defective brakes.

As with most fatal accidents in the City, once the investigation is completed, the facts and circumstances will be reviewed with the Office of the Commonwealth Attorney for a recommendation of charges. Officer W. W. Weatherly is the investigating officer.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Va. (March 15 2009) Suffolk Police have confirmed that an eight year old girl died in this morning's accident on Rt. 58. Police advise an Isuzu Rodeo was west bound, when the driver ran off the right side of the road, striking an embankment and rolling the vehicle.

Both the driver and juvenile were ejected from the vehicle. The vehicle came to rest in the middle of the west bound lanes. The child died at the scene. The driver was

transported to Sentara Norfolk Hospital by ambulance. Her injuries were not considered life threatening.

Investigation into the cause of the accident continues. Names are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

ONE FATALITY IN SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT

SUFFOLK, Va. (March 15 2009) Suffolk Police are currently investigating a vehicle accident on Rt. 58 west, near the Pitchkettle Rd. exit. The single vehicle accident occurred at approximately 10:16 am.

There were two people, an adult and a child, in the vehicle. Officers on scene have confirmed one fatality.

Both lanes of west bound, Rt. 58 are closed due to the accident. Traffic is being redirected. There is no backup.

The cause of the accident has not been determined. Officer W. W. Weatherly is the lead investigator.

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