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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Va (September 5, 2009) Suffolk Police have charged a Chesapeake man in connection with last night's homicide. Timothy Wayne Sanders of the 2800 blk. of North Creek Drive in Chesapeake was charged with First Degree Murder, Shooting in the Commission of a Felony, Use of a Firearm to Commit a Felony, and Discharge Firearm Within an Occupied Dwelling. The victim, Matthew Stephenson Jr, age 41, is from Jacksonville Florida. He was in the U.S. Army and had been temporarily assigned at Fort Lee for training.

Investigation has revealed that both men, along with a third party, were visitors at the **Nansemond Point** Drive residence. At some point during the visit, Sanders and Stephenson were involved in a verbal altercation. Sanders went to the vehicle, returned and shot Stephenson several times.

Sanders originally fled the residence but returned and turned himself into police. He is currently being held at Western Tidewater Regional Jail with no bond.

Detective Herbert Bruce is the lead investigator.

SUFFOLK, Va. (September 5, 2009) – Suffolk Police are currently investigating a homicide. Police were notified of a shooting inside a residence in the 100 blk. of Nansemond Point Dr. just after 9:30 p.m.

Upon arrival police found a male in his forties that had been shot multiple times. Police learned that there had been an altercation inside of the residence between the victim and a subject that had fled the residence.

The victim was ground transported to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. He died a short time later.

The suspect returned to the residence where he was taken into custody. He is being interviewed by police.

No names have been released.

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