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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 19, 2011) The victim in this morning's fatal vehicle accident has been identified. He is Jon S. Christenson, age 27, of the 1000 block of Rabbit Run in Chesapeake.

The accident remains under investigation. Police do believe that speed was a contributing factor.

Officer J. E. **Babor** is the investigating officer.

SUFFOLK POLICE INVESTIGATES FATAL VEHICLE ACCIDENT

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 19, 2011) – Suffolk Police are investigating a fatal motorcycle accident that occurred in the early morning hours. Preliminary investigation reveals that just after 2:35 a.m., Suffolk Police were advised of an assault that occurred at a traffic signal on N. Main St. The suspect in that assault allegedly assaulted the victim after following him to Suffolk from Norfolk.

A description of the suspect, who was operating a motorcycle, and the direction of travel were broadcast. The vehicle was spotted in the 3400 blk. of Godwin Blvd. An officer got behind the vehicle and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. A short pursuit followed. After less than 30 seconds, the officer recognized that the motorcycle was being operated in a very reckless manner and discontinued the pursuit for safety reasons. The officer continued traveling on Godwin Blvd. When the officer reached the 4100 blk. of Godwin Blvd., he observed that the motorcycle had been involved in an accident and was on fire. The motorcycle's operator was located a short distance from the bike. He died at the scene.

The accident and assault are currently under investigation. The name of the driver has not been released pending notification of next of kin.

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