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SUBJECT CHARGED WITH TRESPASSING IN BASE JUMPING INCIDENT

SUFFOLK, VA (July 16, 2010) A 31-year-old Virginia Beach man has been charged with trespassing in the fatal base jumping incident that occurred this morning. Jason James Tompsett, of the 5000 blk. of School Rd. in Virginia Beach, was charged with one count of trespassing.

Tompsett contacted police just before five this morning to report an injured person. That person, a 30-year-old male, died after jumping from a cell tower in the 4500 blk. of Godwin Blvd. Tompsett, who also jumped from the tower, was able to give emergency responders directions to the incident location.

The victim has been identified; however, at the request of the military the name is being withheld for twenty-four hours so that family members can be notified. That information will be released tomorrow morning.

Both the victim and Tompsett are U.S. Navy SEALs and are members of East Coast-based SEAL Teams.

Tompsett was released on his signature. No bond was required.

Detective Herbert Bruce is the lead investigator on this case.