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UNDETERMINED DEATH RULED A HOMICIDE

SUFFOLK, VA (November 25, 2009) The death of an eighty-three-year-old Smithfield woman who was pushed down at a senior citizen event in August has been ruled a homicide. Suffolk Police advise that Elizabeth Newby was attending a Senior Luau at the National Guard Armory on August 12, 2009, when another attendee, a fifty-eight-year-old female, pushed her down when she believed Newby to be cutting in line for entry to the event. Newby and another senior, age 89, fell. Newby suffered a hip fracture and the other subject struck her head.

Newby was transported to Sentara Obici Hospital, where she was admitted for treatment of the injury. Newby passed away on August 26 and an autopsy was conducted. In the autopsy report that police received on November 24, the medical examiner has ruled Newby's death a homicide due to complications from the injury sustained in the fall.

Police have conducted an investigation and the case has been forwarded to the Office of the Commonwealth Attorney for review for possible charges. Detective Neil Boone is the lead investigator.

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