



# Hampton Police Division Media Release

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## Spice Related Overdoses

The Hampton Police Division experienced an increase in the number of spice related incidents between April 11 and April 12, 2015.

Between 6:05 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2015 and 7:27 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2015 the Hampton Police Division responded to six different locations in reference individuals suffering from overdoses which resulted from the use of spice. Based on these calls for service, seven adults, five males and two females, were transported by members of the Hampton Fire and Rescue Division to local hospitals for treatment. One of those individuals, a 47-year-old Hampton woman, was pronounced deceased at the hospital shortly after her arrival. Two other individuals, one an adult male and one adult female remain hospitalized in serious condition.

An investigation into the similarities and cause of these spice related incidents is on-going. The use of spice is not only illegal in the Commonwealth of Virginia, but it is also extremely dangerous. According to drugfree.org, the short side effects of spice may include increased agitation, pale skin, seizures, vomiting, profuse sweating, uncontrolled / spastic body movements, elevated blood pressure, heart rate palpitations, dysphasia, severe paranoia, delusions, and hallucinations. However, because spice is not a controlled substance, the exact chemical compound can vary and therefore the side effects and their severity may be different with each different type or manufacturer.

Anyone with information that will assist police with this investigation is encouraged to contact the Hampton Police Division at **727-6111** or the Crime Line at **1-888-LOCK-U-UP**. Tipsters can also send an anonymous tip via text message to the Crime Line by texting "**HAMPTONPDTIPS plus your tip**" to **274637 (CRIMES)**. Crime Line callers remain anonymous and never appear in court. If a Crime Line call results in an arrest, the caller is eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.00.

Sergeant Jason Price will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6638.

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