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Clinton Police Department Press Release

Clinton Police Department responded to Sampson Regional Medical Center on October 17, 2017, at approximately 2:38 PM in reference to a gunshot victim. Uniform officers learned that Willie Murphy of 308 E. Carter St had been shot in the neck. He was pronounced dead at Sampson Regional Medical Center.

The person who drove Mr. Murphy to the hospital was Elliott Draughon. At the ER Mr. Draughon told emergency staff and police that he had been with Mr. Murphy all day. The two had been drinking and fishing, according to Draughon. But at the time, he couldn't tell where they had been.

Mr. Draughon further explained that he was messing with a gun, while the two were inside his vehicle, and the gun fired. He then drove Mr. Murphy to the emergency room. While he did not recall where he was driving from, he recalled traveling on Beaman St. in the area Mr. Draughon lives. Mr. Draughon knew he lived on Beaman St but did not know the house number. He believes this is the same area he threw the gun out of the vehicle.

Officers canvased the area and learned that Mr. Draughon lived at 212 Beaman St Apt 2. They also discovered a handgun on the side walk in the area of 225 Beaman Street.

The Neighborhood Improvement Team is investigating the shooting as a suspicious death. If anyone has information regarding this incident please contact the Clinton Police Department at 910-592-3105 or they may provide information anonymously through our Tip411 system by texting their tip to 847411, starting each message with tipcpd.