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## **NAS Oceana Sailor Shot After Breaching Security**

NORFOLK, Va. — On the evening of Friday, February 24, a Sailor assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 81 (VFA-81) based at Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, was shot by base Masters at Arms (MAs) who responded to a distress call at the squadron's hangar.

Seaman Robert Colton Wright was taken to Virginia Beach General Hospital where he later died.

At approximately 10:10 p.m., Wright crashed his vehicle through NAS Oceana's back gate, which was closed, locked and unmanned after normal operating hours. Virginia Beach Police Department (VBPD) reported they sought the vehicle for alleged involvement in a vehicle-on-vehicle hit and run off base.

A short time later, base security received a distress call from a Petty Officer on watch inside Hangar 111, home of VFA-81, who reported an individual was yelling and causing damage in squadron hallways.

According to the responding MAs, Wright's vehicle was located outside the hangar's security perimeter when they arrived on scene. They searched the building and encountered Wright, who refused to show his hands and made aggressive moves toward the MAs. One of the MAs fired a single shot, striking Wright.

The MAs began first aid and called for an ambulance, continuing life saving efforts until medical personnel arrived.

A criminal investigation by Navy Criminal Investigative Service and a Command Investigation directed by Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic are both in progress.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name: Robert Colton Wright

Home of Record (State only): Colorado

Date Enlisted: May 3, 2016

Rank/Rating: Information Systems Technician Seaman (ITSN)

Date of Rank: June 30, 2016

Loss Date:

Duty Station:

Reported

Detached

Strike Fighter Squadron Eight One  
Information Warfare Training Center, Corry Station,  
Pensacola, FL  
Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, IL

27Dec2016

01Jul2016 09Dec2016

03May2016 01Jul2016

Awards and Decorations \*

Navy Basic Military Honor Graduate Ribbon

\*This list reflects only those awards and citations present in the service member's Official Military Personnel File and listed in the Navy Department Awards Web Service site and may not be complete.