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Harrisonburg, VA –

This morning at approximately 05:10, the Harrisonburg Police Department responded to the 1000 Block of Lois Lane for a traffic crash into a structure. The caller reported the vehicle had fled the scene traveling in an unknown direction. While responding to the residence, an officer observed a vehicle with heavy front end damage traveling at a high rate of speed coming from the area where the crash had occurred.

The Officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle; however, the driver failed to stop and entered Interstate 81 traveling northbound. The suspect vehicle then exited the Interstate at the E. Market Street interchange and continued traveling onto Linda Lane. The Officer continued to follow the vehicle until it crashed into a utility pole on Smithland Road.

The driver was identified as Jorge Justin Tejeda Molina, 18, of Harrisonburg. Investigation concluded Tejeda Molina had intentionally crashed the vehicle into the residence on Lois Lane in an attempt to cause bodily injury to the occupants. After breaking and entering the residence and committing assault and battery to the occupants, Tejeda Molina then fled the scene driving the same vehicle.

Jorge Justin Tejeda Molina was transported to the University of Virginia Medical Center for treatment of unknown injuries. Felony warrants have been obtained for breaking and entering, property damage, attempted malicious wounding, assault and battery and eluding a police officer. Arrest and warrant service is pending release from medical care.

No serious injuries were reported at the residence and the Harrisonburg Fire Department has secured the building which is still safe and habitable.

The Harrisonburg Police Department asks that if you witnessed the crash, or have further information, to please call the non-emergency number at (540) 434-4436.

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