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HPD Officer Released from Hospital; Suspect Arrested

Harrisonburg, VA – The HPD officer injured this morning while assisting on a traffic stop has been released from Sentara RMH and is convalescing at home.

Earlier this morning, the HPD officer was assisting a deputy with the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) on a traffic stop at the intersection of East Wolfe Street and Summit Street. The driver was asked to step out of the vehicle multiple times and refused. The driver then turned and placed the car in drive as the officer and deputy attempted to pull him from the vehicle. The officer, who was still partially inside of the vehicle, was dragged a short distance while the driver accelerated before being ejected from the vehicle onto the pavement.

The vehicle and driver were subsequently located in Bridgewater where an arrest was made by RCSO deputies. Tyrone N. Booker, 39, of Bridgewater, was transported to Sentara RMH Medical Center for treatment prior to being taken to the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail. The investigation by HPD's Major Crimes Unit is ongoing.

HPD has charged Tyrone Booker with Malicious Wounding, Obstruction of Justice, and Eluding Police. Additional charges are pending by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office and Bridgewater Police Department.

"Our officers face potentially dangerous situations daily, and we were very lucky that our officer is blessed to be able to go home to his family," said HPD's Interim Chief Gabriel Camacho.

If you were in the area of the traffic stop when the incident occurred or have further information available reference this incident, please contact the HPD Major Crimes Unit at (540) 437-2650. Anonymous tips related to this incident or any crime can be sent to Crime Solvers at (540) 574-5050 or by texting "HPD" plus your tip to CRIMES (274637).

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