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### AMTRAK TRAIN STRIKES VEHICLE

SUFFOLK, VA (April 18, 2015) Suffolk Police are currently investigating an accident involving an Amtrak train which struck an unoccupied vehicle.

Emergency Communications received the call at 10:51 p.m. regarding the accident that occurred at the railroad crossing at Kings Fork Road and Archers Mill Road.

The involved vehicle, a Toyota Prius, was unoccupied when the train impacted the vehicle as it was stuck on the railroad tracks. The preliminary investigation based on information from the driver, a female, age 55, was that she was backing out of a nearby driveway and made too wide of a turn, causing the vehicle's wheels to leave the roadway and becoming stuck on the railroad tracks. The driver was able to escape the vehicle before the train struck the vehicle.

The Amtrak train is carrying 20 passengers, and there were no injuries. The Conductor is backing the train up to allow for the vehicle to be removed from the crossing area. An agent with Norfolk Southern is currently in route to the scene. The crossing arms were operational at the time of the accident.

The accident remains under investigation.

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