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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (April 30, 2016) –The driver in this morning's accident, Piedra Pender, age 30, of Portsmouth, was issued a summons for Failure to Stop at a Railroad Grade Crossing following police investigation.

POLICE INVESTIGATING AUTO-TRAIN ACCIDENT

SUFFOLK, Virginia (April 30, 2016) – The Suffolk Police Department is currently investigating a single vehicle accident involving a Norfolk Southern train that occurred this morning at the intersection of South Saratoga Street and Carolina Avenue in downtown Suffolk.

Emergency Communications was made aware of the accident at 1:28 a.m. Upon preliminary investigation it was found that an adult female, age 30, was traveling westbound on Hall Avenue and veered right and became stuck on one set of tracks in the eastbound lane. The train was traveling westbound when it struck the passenger vehicle, an Acura sedan. Crossing arms were down when the incident occurred.

Norfolk Southern has been contacted and officials are currently en route to the scene. Train traffic is stopped at this time in the area.

The female driver and a male passenger, age 26, received emergency medical assessment and treatment by Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel. The driver sustained minor injuries and did not require medical transport and the male

passenger was ground transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The accident remains under investigation and charges are pending.

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