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STOLEN VEHICLE FOUND TORCHED IN SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK, Virginia (March 20, 2017) The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office is investigating an incident involving a vehicle that was stolen in Portsmouth and then located on fire in a field in Suffolk over the weekend.

On March 18, 2017, the victim contacted the Portsmouth Police Department at approximately 10:15 p.m. to advise that someone had stolen her 2004 Dodge Durango, black in color, that had been left running adjacent to her apartment in the 6500 block of Bickford Lane in Portsmouth as she unloaded groceries.

Approximately a half hour after the vehicle was reported as stolen, a passerby contacted Suffolk Emergency Communications and advised of a vehicle on fire in a field in the 3700 block of Sleepy Hole Road in northern Suffolk. Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded and found the vehicle fully engulfed upon arrival. Following preliminary investigation, Suffolk Fire Marshal Lieutenant Chuck Chapin has advised the fire was ruled as Arson.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Line at 1-888-Lock-U-Up. When calling Crime Line, callers do not have to give their names or appear in court. Citizens can also utilize TipSoft to anonymously submit crime-related tips through the Web, a text message, or from any Android or iPhone mobile device with the [TipSubmit mobile app](#). Tips can be submitted by visiting www.tipsubmit.com, or by texting the word "**CRIMES**" (274637) with the keyword **SPDVATIP**. TipSoft also supports users' ability to submit videos or photos using the TipSoft mobile app. If information leads to an arrest, the caller or "tipster" could qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000.

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