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FORMER FIREFIGHTER RECRUIT CHARGED FELONY LARCENY

SUFFOLK, VA (July 5, 2011) A probationary firefighter recruit was arrested over the weekend and charged with felony grand larceny, driving under the influence of alcohol and other traffic offenses. Police advise that just before 10 p.m. on July 4, several calls were received from citizens in reference to a vehicle being operated in a reckless manner. An officer spotted the vehicle pulling into Burger King on Bridge Road and pulled into the lot. The driver attempted to drive behind the police vehicle and the suspect's vehicle brushed the corner of the police vehicle. The suspect's vehicle was stopped and found to be operated by Robert Hodges III, age 24, of Smithfield. Hodges was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The owner of the vehicle he was operating reported the vehicle as stolen.

Hodges was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Reckless Driving, Operating a Vehicle without a License and Grand Larceny Auto. At the time of his arrest, Hodges was found to be a firefighter recruit with Suffolk Fire and Rescue. He was in the academy phase of training and was off duty at the time of the incident.

As of today, Hodges is no longer employed with Suffolk Fire and Rescue.

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