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## Subject Charged with Running Into a Police Vehicle, Injuring Detective

SUFFOLK, Va. (December 29, 2008) – A twenty year old Suffolk man has been charged with numerous felony charges, including attempted malicious wounding of a police officer, after he ran into a detective's vehicle to avoid arrest. Robert Jeremiah Uhl, of the 7100 blk. of Old Myrtle Rd., was wanted for rape, sodomy and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, for an incident that occurred in the early morning hours of December 27, 2008, when police went to his residence at approximately 9:30 that evening.

Uhl was originally not home when police arrived at his residence but was contacted by a family member. Uhl arrived at the residence in a small gray vehicle. He accelerated as he drove up the driveway and then came to an abrupt stop. A detective approached the driver's side window of the vehicle and advised Uhl that he had warrants for his arrest and ordered him to exit the vehicle. The detective attempted to open the driver's side door but found it to be locked.

Uhl then revved the engine of the vehicle and put the vehicle in reverse in a manner that caused the gears to grind. The detective jumped back from the vehicle as the vehicle accelerated in reverse and rammed into an unmarked Suffolk Police detective vehicle which had its' blue emergency lights activated.

Uhl then accelerated forward quickly going down the driveway towards a residence. The vehicle came to a stop and Uhl jumped out and ran. A detective and uniformed officer pursued and apprehended Uhl.

The detective who had been in the vehicle that was struck was taken to Sentara Obici Hospital by Police. She was treated for back and shoulder injuries and released.

In the original investigation, Uhl is accused of the sexual assault of a sixteen year old acquaintance. Uhl has been charged with rape, sodomy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, hit and run – personal injury, attempted malicious wounding, resisting arrest and destruction of property. He is currently being held at Western Tidewater Regional Jail with no bond.

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