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MAN ARRESTED ON MULTIPLE CHARGES INVOLVING STOLEN TRUCK

SUFFOLK, VA (March 30, 2020) Suffolk Police advise of an arrest following an incident that occurred during the early morning hours on Saturday, March 28, 2020. An Officer was in the area of Wilson Street and Wellons Street after hearing shots fired in the area at approximately 7:00 a.m. when he observed a white pick-up truck with U-Haul marking which matched the description of a vehicle leaving the scene of a shots fired call that had also occurred in the vicinity of East Washington Street and Maple Street.

The driver of the vehicle accelerated after he saw the Officer, driving in a reckless manner at a high rate of speed before briefly stopping in the area of West Washington Street and Brewer Avenue, where a black male passenger wearing a doo rag and dark clothing jumped out of the vehicle and fled on foot.

Officers activated their emergency equipment and followed the vehicle which continued to operate at reckless speeds traveling westbound on Holland Road/Route 58. The vehicle ran off the road at the intersection of Camp Family Highway and Carver Road in Isle of Wight County, and the driver exited the vehicle and surrendered to police. The vehicle was found to have been stolen from Portsmouth.

John Reshared Elliott-Wiggins, age 23, of Suffolk, was arrested on charges including Receive Stolen Property/Goods - \$500 or More, Convicted Felon Possess Other

Weapon/Explosive/Ammunition (2 counts), Accessory Before the Fact in a Felony, Disregard Police Command to Stop/Endangerment, in addition to multiple driving offenses. Mug shot attached. He is currently being held without bond at the Western Tidewater Regional Jail.

The investigation remains ongoing at this time and additional charges may be filed. Anyone with information about the incident, or that can identify the subject that jumped from the truck, is asked to contact Suffolk Police or Suffolk Crime Line. To submit online, go to www.p3tips.com, visit the Suffolk Police Department website (www.suffolkva.us/spd) and look for the Suffolk Crime Line link, or go to the Suffolk Police Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/suffolkpolicedepartment. You can also call 888-LOCK-U-UP, 1-888-562-5887, Option 5. Once a person submits a tip, they will be given a TIP ID and password. With this information they can login at p3tips.com and submit follow-up information, engage in two-way dialogue, be informed of the outcome of the tip, and access any pertinent reward information.

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