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TRACTOR TRAILER DOWNS POWER POLE ON NORTH MAIN STREET

SUFFOLK, VA (September 2, 2016) Suffolk Police are currently on the scene of a single vehicle accident in the 700 block of North Main Street.

Emergency Communications was notified of the accident at 10:58 a.m. involving a tractor trailer that struck and downed a power pole as the driver was attempting to make a U-turn after realizing he couldn't drive south on North Main Street. There were no injuries.

The roadway was closed in both directions immediately following the accident due to the pole and electrical lines across the roadway, and Officers were then able to direct southbound traffic through a parking lot around the area. Crews from Dominion Virginia Power responded to the scene, and Suffolk Public Works crews assisted in placing detour signs. The roadway reopened in both directions at 12:03 p.m.

The driver, Sam Diphibane, of Kearns, Utah, was charged with Reckless Driving and Failure to Obey Traffic Sign – No Trucks.

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