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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (August 10, 2015) Suffolk Police advise that this morning's water search has been suspended. Neither subject that fled from police has been located at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

To correct the initial release, the vehicle struck a lawn ornament and a guy wire, not a guide wire as earlier noted.

SUSPECTED DUI DRIVER FLEES INTO JAMES RIVER

SUFFOLK, Virginia (August 10, 2015) The Suffolk Police Department is currently searching for a suspected DUI driver after he fled into the waters of the James River after crashing his vehicle earlier this morning.

Emergency Communications received the call at 1:34 a.m. after an Officer initiated a traffic stop for a suspected drunk driver. The driver of the vehicle, a Dodge Pick-Up, refused to stop and continued traveling north on Respass Beach Road. It crashed in the 5000 block of Bay Circle after driving through a lawn and striking a lawn ornament and power guide wire.

Both occupants, adult white males, fled the vehicle on foot with the driver last seen walking in the water of the James River. The passenger of the vehicle has also not been located.

The Coast Guard was notified to assist in the search along with the Suffolk Marine Patrol.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Line at 1-888-Lock-U-UpSM. 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.suffolkva.us/crimelinetips, 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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