

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, VA (October 17, 2014) Suffolk Police advise that following an extensive investigation into yesterday morning's hit and run accident involving a City of Franklin school bus they have arrested Travis Devone Copeland, age 30, of Suffolk.

Copeland was arrested last evening and charged with Grand Larceny as the vehicle he was driving was stolen, Hit and Run Personal Injury, Reckless Driving and Driving While Suspended. He is currently being held without bond at Western Tidewater Regional Jail.

### **HIT AND RUN INVOLVING SCHOOL BUS**

SUFFOLK, VA (October 16, 2014) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue are on the scene this morning of a hit and run accident involving a City of Franklin school bus. The accident occurred in the 2200 block of E. Washington Street in front of Hoffler Apartments.

Emergency Communications received the call at 6:41 a.m. advising of the head-on collision involving the bus and a 4-door Nissan, gray in color. The driver of the Nissan fled on foot immediately following the accident.

The bus was transporting students to the SECEP program at John F. Kennedy Middle School. All of the involved occupants received emergency medical assessment by Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel. No students were injured, however the female bus driver sustained non-life threatening injuries and was ground transported to Sentara Obici Hospital for treatment.

Traffic is currently being diverted at E. Washington Street and Hollywood Avenue and at E. Washington Street and John F. Kennedy Middle School. This portion of the roadway is expected to be closed until after 8:00 a.m. as the investigation continues.

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