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PURCELLVILLE POLICE OFFICER UNHARMED AFTER CRASH

PURCELLVILLE, Va. September 28th, 2015 — At approximately 1215 a.m. Sunday, September 27, 2015, a Purcellville police officer was on a routine traffic stop on the shoulder of the westbound lanes of Route 7 in the Town of Purcellville. While sitting in his vehicle writing a summons, a jeep traveling westbound in the right lane veered into the cruiser striking the front quarter panel. The jeep failed to stop and continued westbound on Route 7. The officer was not injured.

Assistance was immediately provided by both the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department and Virginia State Police (VSP). After a short but extensive search for the vehicle, a Loudoun County deputy located the vehicle 16973 Buckingham Court, Round Hill, VA. The driver of the vehicle, Mr. Norris J. Gaskins was located at this address. After concluding the investigation, Mr. Gaskins was charged by VSP with felony hit and run and driving under the influence. He was transported to the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center and placed on a \$3,000 bond.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,300 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiques, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, a distillery and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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