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RMPD Investigates Shooting With Injury

Rocky Mount, N.C. - On February 13, 2022, at approximately 9:30 a.m., the Rocky Mount Police Department responded to an unknown 9-1-1 call in the Lincoln Dr. area, while enroute dispatch received a second 9-1-1 call reporting a shooting with injury in the 600 blk of Lincoln Dr. As officers and RMFD arrived in the area, they observed a stationary vehicle at the intersection of Berkshire Rd and Sutton Rd. An unconscious male was sitting in the driver's seat with an apparent head injury.

An officer with the Rocky Mount Police Department exited his patrol vehicle to render aid to the victim. However, the victim incoherently accelerated, trapping the officer's arm inside the vehicle, dragging him approximately 15 feet before crashing into a firetruck.

The officer was transported to UNC Nash Health Care with non-life-threatening wounds. The victim, 32-year-old Jonathan Nixon, was transported to Vidant Medical Center in critical condition. The first responders (RMFD) were uninjured in the crash.

A preliminary investigation has determined this to be a domestic-related incident. All parties involved are known to each other. The suspect fled the area before officers arrived. The Rocky Mount Criminal Investigation Division is actively investigating the events that led to the shooting.

We ask anyone with information related to this incident to please contact the Rocky Mount Police Department at 252-972-1411, Twin County Crime Stoppers at 252-977-1111, or Text-A-Tip (Text RMPOL) and your message to CRIMES (274637), or message us directly using the MyRMT mobile app.

About Rocky Mount: The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 58,000 residents daily.

The city's mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community towards a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly-owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit www.rockymountnc.gov for news and updates.

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