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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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INCIDENT TYPE – HIT & RUN WITH INJURY (DRIVER MISSING)

HIGH POINT, NC – On Friday, July 19, 2019, at approximately 5:00 am Officers from the High Point Police Department responded to the 300 block of Hedgecock Road after receiving reports of a loud noise. Upon arrival officers located an unoccupied (the driver had left the scene)2007 Nissan Sentra sedan that had been involved in a collision and come to rest on its roof. Officers determined that the vehicle left the roadway to the right traveling eastbound on Hedgecock Road just East of Old Plank Road, when it left the roadway and struck a tree on the passenger side, entered a drainage ditch and rolled over before striking a power pole on the drivers side before coming to a rest on its roof.

Officers immediately began canvassing the area for the driver or any occupants from the vehicle. Officers made contact with a resident in the area who advised after hearing the loud noise he went to his front yard and a young Hispanic male with long black hair, wearing a white t-shirt walked up. The witness stated he had a bleeding injury on the left side of his face near his eye. The Hispanic male was explaining that he had been in an accident to the witness but walked away north on Hedgecock Road as he saw lights from a police car.

Officers obtained an address from the vehicle registration plate and checked that location with negative results, a female at the residence did advise officers that she believed her teenage son had taken her vehicle and was likely the driver in the crash.

Due to reports of a significant head injury and the damage to the vehicle during the crash officers used two police K-9 teams, two thermal imaging devices, helicopter assistance from North Carolina State highway patrol and information from a cell phone provider in an attempt to locate the teenager in a heavily wooded area with no success. These search efforts lasted approximately five hours.



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INCIDENT TYPE – UPDATE

At approximately 2:00 pm officers made contact with the teen driver at his home in High Point. Officers were able to evaluate his physical condition and determined that contrary to witness reports he did not sustain any significant injuries. The investigation into the earlier crash is still ongoing and a determination on charges will be made at a later time.

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