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Police Department responds to officer-involved shooting

Rocky Mount, N.C. -- On February 2, 2021, at approximately 8:30 p.m., the Rocky Mount Police Department responded to assist North Carolina State Highway Patrol in a traffic stop where a suspect had fled from the vehicle. When officers arrived, they encountered a subject matching the description given by the Highway Patrol.

While attempting to detain the suspect, shots were fired, and the suspect sustained a gunshot wound. Emergency Medical Services arrived and transported the suspect to UNC Nash Health Care. This is an on-going active investigation.

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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