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Stolen Ambulance Recovered

FARMVILLE, VA -   On July 7, 2016 at approximately 6:46 P.M. Farmville Police responded to a call for service from Centra Southside Community Hospital advising that an individual had exited the Emergency Room and stole an ambulance belonging to the Charlotte County Volunteer Rescue Squad. The ambulance was quickly spotted by a Farmville Police Officer at the intersection of Griffin Blvd. and Oak Street where the officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop. However, the vehicle failed to stop and continued south on Griffin Blvd. at normal traffic speeds. The vehicle was eventually stopped near the intersection of South Main Street and Gilliam Drive, approximately one mile from the hospital. The suspect was taken into custody at this time without incident and no damage to the ambulance has been reported. The Longwood University Police Department and the Prince Edward Sheriff's Office assisted with this incident.

A 32 year old male from Keysville, VA was identified as the driver of the ambulance and found to be possibly suffering from a mental health crisis. The man was returned to Centra Southside Community Hospital where evaluators eventually sought a Temporary Detention Order from a magistrate. The individual was then transported to the John Randolph Medical Center in Hopewell, VA by the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office for further evaluation. The case remains under investigation and police will consult with the Prince Edward Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to determine what, if any, criminal charges are appropriate.

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