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Date: 01/27/2014

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Incident: 2014-2044

Unoccupied vehicle struck by Train

The Russellville Police Department responded to the 400 Block of North Phoenix Avenue at approximately 4:48 AM on 01/25/2015 in reference to a Train vs Vehicle accident.

When Officers arrived on scene they determined the vehicle was unoccupied at the time of the accident. After a preliminary on scene investigation Officers determined from witness statements that two subjects were in the area at the time of the accident but had fled before Officers arrived on scene. Officers determined that the vehicle damaged on scene was a trail blazer SUV. The driver of the SUV had accidentally driven on to the tracks and got stuck. The driver failed to contact Emergency services and the train was not notified of a vehicle on the tracks. The SUV was struck by a Union Pacific train. The SUV also caused damage to a Union Pacific device next to the tracks. The device was estimated to be around \$1000.00.

Dispatch contacted Officers on scene and advised that an individual had called in and was wanting to report the vehicle stolen. After further investigation and interviews with the owner of the vehicle, Officers arrested the owner/driver (Michael Patrick Hettel II) of the vehicle for DWI Drugs, Criminal Trespass, and Criminal Mischief.

There were no injuries reported.

For further Information on this release contact Public Information Officer Drew Latch at 479-968-3232.

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