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Task Force Arrest Suspect Who Struck Officer With Vehicle

Rocky Mount, N.C. – On August 30, 2021, the Rocky Mount Police Department's Special Operations Division and the U.S. Marshals Carolina's Regional Task Force arrested Kevin Cooper, a 32-year-old male, in the 900 Block of Stokes Street in Rocky Mount, NC. Cooper fled from a traffic stop and struck a Rocky Mount Police Officer with his vehicle. Cooper was charged with the following and remanded to the Nash County Detention Facility with a \$11,000 secured bond.

- Assault on a law enforcement officer
- Assault with a deadly weapon
- Resisting a public officer
- Fail to stop at a red light

Cooper also received a \$200 secured bond for an unrelated outstanding warrant from Halifax County and is being held without bond on a fugitive warrant from Virginia.

"The Rocky Mount Police Department will continue to partner with local law enforcement agencies and task forces to reduce crime and create a safer city," said Rocky Mount Police Chief Robert Hassell.

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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