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PRESS RELEASE

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Deputy Sheriff-involved Auto Accident

(James Island, SC) On October 4, 2017, shortly after 12:00 a.m., Deputy James Wasson collided with a vehicle when he attempted to conduct a traffic stop on another car for running the red light at the intersection of Folly Road and Camp Road. While proceeding through the intersection of Folly Road and Camp Road with his emergency lights activated, Deputy Wasson collided with a pickup truck traveling on Folly Road towards Folly Beach. Deputy Wasson sustained minor injuries to his face area. The driver of the truck complained of neck pain but was released at the scene by EMS. Deputy Wasson was transported to the Medical University of South Carolina, where he was released after treatment and additional observation. South Carolina Highway Patrol is investigating the circumstances surrounding the accident.

As a standard procedure, whenever one of our deputies are involved in an accident while on duty, regardless of who is at fault, an administrative investigation is conducted to ensure that our deputy's actions were within the Sheriff's Office policies. Deputy Wasson has been employed with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office since March 2016.

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