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Roanoke County Police Respond to Weekend Incident

(Roanoke County, VA) – On Sunday, August 28, just before midnight, Roanoke County Police responded to a call for service in the parking lot of Wendy's in the 4300 block of Electric Road. It was stated that a gentleman in the drive-through lane of Wendy's was passed out inside his vehicle, with the engine running and was unresponsive. Roanoke County Fire & Rescue initially responded to the call as it appeared the man may have had a medical emergency. Upon seeing the condition of the man, medics called for Police to respond. After waking him and asking him to step out of the vehicle, it appeared to the officers that the man was under the influence of alcohol and/or some other substance. He presented false identification to the officers. Officers conducted field sobriety tests, during which time the man fled from officers to behind the Enterprise Rental Car building next door. Officers pursued him and during the course of the incident, it was necessary for officers to use force to subdue the man and he was taken into custody. Fire & Rescue personnel returned to the scene and transported him to the hospital where he received medical attention for minor injuries, and was then transported to Roanoke County Jail.

The man is identified as 34-year old Alvin Anthony Murdock of Roanoke City. He was charged with DUI-Third or Subsequent Offense, Obstructing Justice, and Giving False Identity to Law Enforcement Officer.

Per standard departmental policy, the Roanoke County Police Department is conducting a review of the use of force by police officers.

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