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PRESS RELEASE

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Yesterday afternoon, members of the Millis Department, along with police from surrounding towns and the State Police, responded to Forest Road for the report of shots being fired into a Millis Police cruiser being operated by a part-time town officer, or what is called a permanent intermittent officer. The cruiser then went off the road and caught on fire.

Over the next several hours, numerous officers, troopers, K9 units and a State Police helicopter conducted an intensive search for the reported suspect. Neither the suspect nor the vehicle he was said to be driving were found.

An extensive search for ballistics evidence at and around the scene was also conducted. As a result of that search, the only ballistics evidence recovered was that belonging to the part-time officer.

Additionally, several interviews were conducted with the officer.

Upon conclusion of those interviews, and as a result of all other evidence, we have determined that the officer's story was fabricated, specifically that he fired shots at his own cruiser as part of a plan to concoct a story that he was fired upon. The evidence indicates that the shots were not fired by a suspect and there is no gunman at-large in or around the town.

The Millis Police will work with the Norfolk District Attorney's Office and the State Police Unit assigned to that office to determine what criminal charges the officer will face.

The officer in question is dispatcher for the department and was hired as a permanent intermittent officer this past June. He was scheduled to begin training to become a full-time officer soon. He will be terminated from the department.

His name will not be released until charges are formally filed against him. Nor will we comment on any possible motives for his actions, or his job performance record, at this time.

As you know, a threat was called into the Millis Middle School yesterday. At this time, we do not if that threat is related to the fabricated shooting report. That part of the investigation is ongoing.

The alleged actions of this officer should NOT reflect on the remainder of the Millis Police Department. The other officers on this department are dedicated public servants and committed to the highest levels of integrity. To their credit, they undertook the difficult task of investigating one of their own and did so without bias.

- The Millis Police Department