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INCIDENT TYPE – JAMES MILLER CRIME SPREE

HIGH POINT, NC - On February 13th, 2020, a gold sport utility vehicle was involved in multiple incidents in High Point, injuring multiple people and damaging property. The incidents began around 5:37 p.m. on 2/13/2020 when officers were dispatched to the intersection of E Russell Ave and S University Parkway, in reference to a Hit & Run Injury call involving a pedestrian. Responding officers were able to determine that a gold SUV traveling along E Russell Avenue passed a group of people walking and after an argument, with the pedestrians, the driver intentionally struck a 16-year-old male and a 23-year-old male causing serious, but not life-threatening injuries. The vehicle then fled the scene northbound on S University Parkway.

Around 8:14 p.m. officers were dispatched to a Public Disturbance call on Bridlewood Avenue. Once officers arrived on scene it was determined that the suspect from the earlier Hit & Run had been in a Domestic Disturbance at his residence and fled the scene in a gold sport utility vehicle before police arrived. The suspect, **James Randolph Miller (W/M 44) of High Point**, argued with his ex-wife over the telephone before threatening his girlfriend who was present at the residence with a hatchet, and physically assaulted her before she was able to escape and run to safety.

After leaving the Bridlewood Avenue location, Miller rear-ended another vehicle on Skeet Club Road near the intersection of Aberdare Drive. He then backed up and intentionally rammed the same vehicle 2 or 3 more times before turning around and fleeing the area. The victim in the crash called 911 and followed the vehicle to obtain the tag number. After being followed a distance Miller turned his vehicle around and rammed the victim's vehicle head-on despite the victim's attempts to avoid the collision and as a result crashed through a nearby fence. The victim was able to get out of his vehicle and run to safety.

Around 8:26 p.m. officers arrived on the scene and located Miller in the driver's seat of his gold GMC Yukon that had also crashed and got stuck in the mud. Miller was arrested for Driving While Impaired, Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Injury to Real Property. Miller was also charged with 2 counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury and 2 counts of Felony Hit & Run Inflicting Serious Injury for the initial incident on E Russell Avenue. He was charged with Hit & Run Property Damage and Assault with a Deadly Weapon related to the incident on



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Skeet Club Rd. and Assault on a Female for the incident at his residence. He was confined to the Guilford County Jail in High Point under a domestic hold for the Assault on a Female and given an additional \$200,000.00 secured bond for the other charges. Miller will have his first appearance on February 14th, 2020.



James R Miller (booking photo)

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