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Officer Injured in April 2nd Incident Completes First Day of Full Duty

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . Officer Rebekah Kushner, whose life was threatened in the early evening hours of April 2, 2009, returned to full duty yesterday with her squad. As the nation observes National Police Week this week, in honor of law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty, Officer Kushner reflects that she is lucky to be alive.

Officer Kushner was in the area of Occoquan Road and Jefferson Davis Highway in Woodbridge around 8:30 p.m. on April 2, when she attempted a traffic stop. The driver did not stop, however, and a pursuit ensued. It concluded when the driver reached a dead end at Pheasant Hunt Road. Officer Kushner stopped her police cruiser and was in the process of getting out when the driver turned his vehicle in the cul-de-sac and rammed the police cruiser, pinning Officer Kushner between the vehicle and the door. The driver drove away but not before Officer Kushner shot at his vehicle.

The driver who fled the scene was involved in a hit-and-run crash in the area of Smoketown Road and Minnieville Road in Woodbridge later that same evening. The occupants of that vehicle were transported to a local hospital. The driver continued on Smoketown Road toward Bonny Road but additional patrol officers were able to slow him down. He got out of his vehicle and was challenged by the officers. An officer fired at the suspect when he reached towards his waist area. The suspect ran from the scene. The vehicle that the suspect was driving was reported stolen.

On April 3, 2009, Prince William County Police apprehended the driver of the vehicle: a 17-year-old male from Fairfax County, Va. Shortly before 11 a.m., a Prince William County man advised a patrol officer of a suspicious man in the area of the Provident Bank located on Minnieville Road in Woodbridge. The officer also observed the subject, who ran off when he noticed police officers. He was apprehended and charged with the following:

- Attempted Capital Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer
- Aggravated Malicious Wounding of a Law Enforcement Officer
- Two Counts of Felony Eluding
- Two counts of Felony Hit and Run
- Grand Larceny (auto)

Chief of Police, Charlie T. Deane said: "We are very pleased that Officer Kushner has fully recovered and been cleared to return to duty. I commend Officer Kushner for her courage and tenacity. The attack on her demonstrates the risk that all police officers face."

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