



**Police Department News Release**  
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## **Traffic Stop/Standoff**

(Roanoke County, VA) – On April 1, at approximately 11:30pm, a Roanoke County Police Officer observed a vehicle travelling Northbound on Electric Road. The Officer stopped the vehicle in the 2300 Block of Electric Road for suspicion of DUI. As the Officer approached the driver, he observed the subject holding a firearm. The subject then pointed the firearm at the Officer. The Officer retreated to a position of cover while giving commands to drop the weapon. Multiple Officers arrived and attempted contact with the subject who was then holding the firearm to his own head.

After repeated attempts to communicate with the subject failed, Roanoke County SWAT responded. While sitting in the vehicle, the driver fired a single round from the handgun striking himself in the upper leg. He then attempted to exit the vehicle and as he did so, he dropped the handgun onto the ground. As he reached for the handgun, An Officer deployed two beanbag rounds with both striking the subject and he fell to the ground. The subject was then taken into custody without further incident at approximately 1:30 am on April 2. He was transported to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital by ambulance.

The Roanoke County Police Department would like to thank Roanoke County Fire & Rescue and Roanoke City Police for their assistance with this incident.

The incident remains under investigation at this time. All contacts should be forwarded to:

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