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## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

### SUBJECT SOUGHT INVOLVED IN HIT AND RUN COLLISION

**Lexington, S.C.** (May 12, 2016) – The Lexington Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in locating Justin Ross Lanford who was involved in a hit and run collision. He also has been charged with filing a false police report and driving under suspension.

At approximately 5:15 p.m. on May 3, 2016, a collision took place between two vehicles on the 900 block of North Lake Drive near Hamilton Street. The driver of one of the vehicles fled from the scene. As officers were investigating the hit and run collision, Justin Lanford, who was the owner of the vehicle where the driver had fled, contacted Central Dispatch stating that his vehicle had been stolen by gunpoint from a nearby parking lot.

Due to the report of an armed gunman who officers believed had fled the collision scene, a perimeter around the area was set up by numerous officers and Lexington County Sheriff's Department K-9 Division was asked to assist with a track to attempt to locate the subject.

During the course of the investigation it was determined that Justin Lanford was the driver of the vehicle and that he had called in his vehicle as stolen by an armed assailant when it was not.

If anyone knows the location of Justin Ross Lanford they are urged to contact the Lexington Police Department at 803-359-6260 or Crimestoppers at 1-888-CRIME SC.

The public can also text or email a tip to Crimestoppers at [www.midlandscrimestoppers.com/](http://www.midlandscrimestoppers.com/). Tips that lead to the arrest of suspects, as well as the recovery of stolen property and drugs are eligible for cash rewards of up to \$1,000, which are paid to tipsters on an anonymous basis.

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