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PRESS STATEMENT

July 5, 2020: Bolivar, TN On Sunday morning, July 5, 2020, a man drove his vehicle into the Bolivar Police Department. A stand-off and pursuit ensued which resulted in the capture and arrest of the man without injury to either the public, the officers, or the suspect.

A portion of the stand-off was captured on video from across the street where numerous innocent bystanders had begun to gather. From the video posted on social media, it is clear that the officers' lives, as well as the lives of the bystanders, were endangered by this individual, however, it is equally important to note that any use of deadly force, justifiable or not, would have also endangered the public.

The incident itself, the stand-off, and the resulting pursuit are currently under investigation. Further details of the arrest and investigation will not be discussed until such time as the investigation is complete.

I thank God for his grace on our city this day and every day. At the end of the day, everyone wants to go home safely. Today, that happened.