

## NARRATIVE

A vehicle was traveling north on Phelps Road approaching the bend near 13200 and gradually left the roadway to the right/east, then crossed over the driveway to 13200 Phelps before continuing further into the roadside culvert. It traveled approximately 50 yards in the right culvert, before striking the driveway to 13274 Phelps and bounding across the road onto the left/east side shoulder. It then drove up a dirt embankment, rising approximately three feet off the level of the roadway where it then turned back onto the road and left the scene. This path of travel was laid out with tire marks on the gravel shoulder, ruts in the roadside culvert, paths pressed through the brush, and dirt carried across the roadway.

The vehicle collided with mailboxes to seven residences, knocking down the posts and sending several of the mailboxes approximately fifteen yards from where they were located.

A witness described the vehicle and a passerby stated that they saw the vehicle travel to a nearby residence.

The officer located the vehicle and noted it had extensive damage to the front end and passenger side, including the rear right tire torn apart. Parts left at the collision scene matched with parts missing from the vehicle. There was also a piece of pressure treated wood on the windshield of the vehicle, of the same type as the mailbox posts. The vehicle was leaking red fluid from underneath the engine compartment and a bucket had been placed underneath it to catch the fluid.

The driver stated they left the roadway when they attempted to maneuver around a deer that had entered the roadway. They stated they believed they were only off the road for a second and that they didn't collide with anything. After several minutes, the driver stated they were aware they had collided with the mailboxes.

