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Pickens County Sheriff's Office Charges Man following Investigation into Theft of Greenville County Sheriff's Office Patrol Vehicle

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office has charged an Easley resident following the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the theft of a Greenville County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle.

On Sunday, February 16, 2020 the Pickens County Sheriff's Office received reports of a vehicle accident on Farris Bridge Road, Easley, involving a Greenville County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle. When Deputies arrived, they observed the Greenville County vehicle over-turned just off of the roadway. No other vehicles were involved in the accident. Deputies identified the driver of the vehicle as Roy Wood McDonald who was not injured during the accident. Mr. McDonald was detained at the scene until the arrival of a South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) unit. It was also determined that Mr. McDonald was not an employee of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

After an investigation at the scene, Mr. McDonald was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence by SCHP. He was transported to the Pickens County Detention Center.

Deputies have continued their investigation throughout the day. After several interviews with witnesses, Deputies obtained information that confirmed that the vehicle was stolen from the residence of a Greenville County Deputy that resides in the Easley area. The vehicle and all equipment were turned over to Deputies from the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

Roy Wood McDonald (32yoa) was formally charged late this afternoon. He is currently detained in the Pickens County Detention Center charged with the additional following offenses:

<u>Charge:</u>	<u>Warrant:</u>	<u>Bond:</u>	<u>Arrest Date:</u>
<i>Grand Larceny</i>	2020A3910100220	Pending	02-16-20
<i>Simple Larceny</i>	2020A3910100221	Pending	02-16-20

Mr. McDonald will be arraigned by a Pickens County Magistrate on 02-17-20.

Copies of the Arrest Warrants and a mug shot have been attached to this release.

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