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Capitol Police charge driver after wrong-way crash

RICHMOND -- Virginia Capitol Police on Wednesday morning obtained six arrest warrants against the driver of a car involved in a wrong-way crash Tuesday night that damaged three vehicles in downtown Richmond.

Rodolfo A. Caballero-Siler, 26, of Richmond, was admitted to VCU Medical Center with injuries that were not believed to be life-threatening following the crash, which occurred shortly after 9:10 p.m. when a car driving south on Seventh Street, a one-way northbound route, crashed into two other vehicles at the Main Street intersection, heavily damaging all three vehicles.

Witnesses reported two men ran from the striking vehicle, and a few minutes later, Capitol Police officers searching the area found two men limping up Eighth Street between Cary and Main streets.

Caballero-Siler and his passenger were taken by ambulance to the hospital for examination and treatment.

The six arrest warrants that Capitol Police obtained for Caballero-Siler included three felony charges: one count of hit and run, one of felony eluding and one of possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell or distribute. Caballero-Siler also faces warrants for one count each of reckless driving, driving without a license and driving with altered plates, all misdemeanors.

Caballero-Siler also has outstanding warrants in Colonial Heights.

(ORIGINAL RELEASE FROM EARLIER WEDNESDAY)

RICHMOND -- Virginia Capitol Police investigating a wrong-way crash Tuesday night that damaged three vehicles in downtown Richmond took two men into custody near the scene and had them transported to the hospital.

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Witnesses reported two men ran from the striking vehicle, and a few minutes later, Capitol Police officers searching the area found two men limping up Eighth Street between Cary and Main streets.

The men were taken into custody and transported by ambulance to VCU Medical Center, where they were being examined early Wednesday.

Capitol Police said charges against the driver were pending for the Richmond crash and that he also has outstanding warrants in Colonial Heights.

Capitol Police said the car driving the wrong way on Seventh Street appeared to be the same vehicle that one of their officers had attempted to stop at Ninth and Broad streets after observing the car run two red lights while westbound on Broad at a high rate of speed. The officer pulled in behind the car on westbound Broad and attempted to initiate a stop, but the car sped off. The officer, who declined to initiate a pursuit, reported that the car continued speeding westbound on Broad before turning south into traffic on Seventh.

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