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Press Release

Police officer arraigned in Alleged false shooting incident

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Outgoing part-time Millis Police Officer Bryan Johnson pled not guilty before Judge Stephen Ostrach to four charges at his Wrentham District Court arraignment today, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Johnson, 24, of Millis, pled not guilty to misleading a police investigation, malicious destruction of property valued at greater than \$250, unlawful discharge of a firearm and providing false information to emergency services personnel. The Commonwealth's request for \$10,000 cash bail, with GPS-enforced home confinement should he post bail, was uncontested by defense and ordered by Judge Ostrach.

The charges stem from a Sept. 2, 2015 incident while Johnson was on duty, in uniform and in a marked patrol vehicle. As is reflected in the charges and court documents, Johnson is accused of firing a personal firearm into the cruiser in a conservation area off Forest Road, then traveling in that cruiser for an additional distance on that thoroughfare before losing control and striking a tree in the woods beside that road. He is further accused of firing several additional shots after exiting the crashed vehicle, which quickly became engulfed in flame due to a fuel line that had become pierced.

The documents further state that Johnson utilized his police radio to contact Millis dispatch and report that he and his vehicle had come under fire from an unknown white male in a maroon pickup truck that had fled the area toward Medfield.

Investigation by the Millis Police Department and Massachusetts State Police detectives developed information that there had been no maroon pickup truck and that the report of the involvement of anyone else was fabricated.

Johnson is set to return to Wrentham District Court at 9 a.m. on October 30, 2015 for a Probable Cause hearing. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Craig Kowalski. Defense counsel is Bradley Phipps.