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PRESS RELEASE

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CHILD STRUCK BY CAR

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On August 1, 2015, at approximately 9:50 PM, a 17 month old child, was struck by a car on Highway 70 West near the Dipsy Doodle Drive-In Restaurant. A car driven by Ronnie Bruce Winningham of Cookeville struck the child as she was walking along the side of Highway 70 West. Mr. Winningham was traveling east on Highway 70 West when he struck the child. The child had apparently wandered off from a nearby residence. She suffered serious internal injuries as a result of the accident and was flown by helicopter to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. She was initially listed in critical condition, but her condition has been upgraded to stable. The accident is being investigated by Trooper Chris Adams and Sgt. David Bush of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Major Terry Hembree and Detective Roger Cooper of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department are conducting an investigation to determine how the child wandered away from her residence.

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