

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MAN STRIKES HOME WITH TRUCK AND LEAVES THE SCENE ON FOOT**

ELLETTSVILLE, INDIANA (October 17, 2017): On Saturday, October 14th, 2017, around 4:15 p.m., witnesses saw a silver 2002 Nissan pickup leave the roadway and drive through the front yard of the home on the Southeast corner of Crandall Drive and McNeely Street, stopping only after it was fully lodged in the front of the single family dwelling. The truck went through the front of the home, crashing through the front wall and into the attached garage area, breaking through part of the wall that separates the garage area from the master bedroom. The residents were home at the time of the collision. Witnesses saw the male driver walk out of the garage door and leave the area on foot. Witnesses, who were nearby, recognized the suspected driver to be Jeff Hartman, w/m in his 50's, who resides at 6000 N. Union Valley Road, just on the outskirts of Ellettsville. Officers checked the area and the residence he resides at throughout the evening, attempting to make contact with Hartman, but have yet to make contact with him. Officer David Drake investigated the accident and has submitted a warrant request for the suspected driver to the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office. Officer Drake was assisted by Deputy Chief Tony Bowlen and Detective Eric Chaudion of the Ellettsville Police Department, as well as Deputy Tim Pittman of the Monroe County Sheriff Department.

