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On Friday, May 16, 2014 at approximately 1154 hours officers of the Smyrna Police Department observed a silver in color Volvo traveling southbound on Route 13 in Smyrna, the vehicle was observed with equipment violations and no registration plate displayed. As officers attempted to perform a traffic stop on this vehicle it failed to stop and increased its speed and attempted to elude officers while driving in a reckless manner weaving in and out of traffic. The suspect then lost control of the vehicle in the area of Garrisons Lake south of Smyrna and crossed the median into oncoming traffic, then drove through a fence and crashed into a business, Portable Buildings, Inc., causing approximately \$9,000.00 in damage. The operator then fled the scene on foot while two female juvenile passengers remained inside the vehicle and provided officers with the clothing and physical description of the suspect. The two female juvenile passengers were transported to the Kent General Hospital by Ambulance 64 for minor injuries. After a registration check on the vehicle officers determined that the vehicle was stolen from Philadelphia, PA. Officers from the Smyrna Police Department and the Delaware State Police later located the 16 year old suspect on SR1 not far from the accident location attempting to flag down motorists for a ride. The juvenile was taken into custody and determined to be a runaway from Wilmington, DE since April 11, 2014. The juvenile suspect also was found to be wanted in the State of Delaware in the New Castle County Family Court. The suspect was charged with Receiving Stolen Property, Criminal Mischief, Disregarding a Police Officers Signal, Reckless Driving, Driving without a Valid License, Failure to have two head lamps, Unsafe Passing on the Left, Failure to have Required Insurance, and Overtaking/passing on the right. The juvenile was committed to Stevenson Juvenile Detention Facility in Milford, DE in default of \$6,703.00 secured bond.