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NEWS RELEASE

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“Charges Pending Following Report of Kidnapping”

On November 4, 2015 at approximately 11:29 am, Officers of the Morgantown Police Department responded to a reported battery and kidnapping occurring on Spruce Street near Forest Avenue. Witnesses reported that a large group of individuals were beating and kidnapping a person by stuffing them into the trunk of a car.

Officers arrived on scene and saw a group of individuals with scrapes on their hands and knees appearing to have just been in some kind of physical altercation attempting to get into a tan in color Nissan Altima and leave the area. The individuals were detained. Upon closer examination of the vehicle an individual later identified as Christopher GRACE, 21 years of age of Arlington Virginia was found in the trunk of the car bound with duct tape. GRACE was removed from the vehicle and freed.

Upon further investigation, officers found that the entire incident was part of a fraternity prank for the Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) fraternity. All of the below listed individuals involved are pending charges for disorderly conduct.

Luke RUSSILLO, 18 years of age of Smyrna Delaware
Joseph RUSSILLO, 18 years of age of Smyrna Delaware
Chadwick MILLER, 18 years of age of Sewell New Jersey
Matthew KINKER, 19 years of age of Crystal Lake Illinois
Tyler AUDETTE, 18 years of age of Massapequa New York
Austin HARPIN, 21 years of age of Feeding Hills Massachusetts
Cody HEFFELINGER, 18 years of age of Coopersburg Pennsylvania

West Virginia University has been advised of this incident.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating criminal activity in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **“Partner in Policing”**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

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