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Berkeley County, W.V. – Berkeley County Prosecuting Attorney Catie Wilkes Delligatti was notified today of an incident where law enforcement officers are alleged to have beaten a 16-year-old male after the male is alleged to have struck a police cruiser and fled from the scene. Ms. Delligatti has been informed that two WV State Troopers have been suspended as a result of the incident. A deputy from Jefferson County has been assigned to investigate the incident to determine whether charges are warranted. Ms. Delligatti thanks Jefferson County Sheriff Pete Dougherty for his cooperation.

Additionally, in accordance with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office policy, Ms. Delligatti has assigned an investigator within her office to perform an independent review so that two transparent investigations are conducted. Ms. Delligatti stated: "While I am unable to comment on the specifics of ongoing cases, I want to ensure the citizens of Berkeley County that in all cases involving allegations against law enforcement, independent and transparent investigations will be conducted to ensure appropriate action is taken."