



Fayette County Sheriff's Office

Barry H. Babb, Sheriff June 10, 2015

Press Information

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On Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 3:41 a.m. a deputy initiated a traffic stop for an inoperable headlight on State Route 279 at the intersection of State Route 314. As the deputy was speaking to the driver he became aware of possible impairment and asked the driver to step out of the vehicle. The driver immediately pulled away from the deputy and attempted to elude the deputy as he began to pursue the vehicle south on State Route 314. The deputy reported light traffic violations and a speed of up to 108 mph. At the intersection of State Route 314 and New Hope Road an assisting deputy had deployed a tire-deflation device and the violator vehicle made contact with the device. The violator vehicle continued south on State Route 314 where a City of Fayetteville Officer also deployed a tire-deflation device at the intersection with State Route 85 (N. Glynn St.). The violator vehicle now being pursued by both Fayetteville Police and Fayette County Sheriff's units left the highway and entered the Fayette Eighty-Five Shopping Center and drove behind the business center with the driver partially opening his door in a possible attempt to bail from the vehicle. The violator vehicle then returned to State Route 85 (N. Glynn St.) northbound and lost control striking curbing at the intersection of North Jeff Davis Drive coming to rest disabled. The driver fled on foot into the Fayetteville Corners Shopping Center and three passengers remained in the vehicle. A deputy in the pursuit was northbound on State Route 85 (N. Glynn St.) attempting to enter the entrance to Fayetteville Corners Shopping Center to continue the pursuit of the driver fleeing on foot in the shopping center and eliminate his escape route, struck a Fayetteville Police officer running across State Route 85 (N. Glynn St.) (Please refer to Fayetteville Police press release and the Georgia State Patrol for further on this topic). The deputy immediately stopped his pursuit and rendered aid to the Fayetteville Police officer.

Fayette County Sheriff and Fayetteville Police units set up a perimeter and deployed K-9 tracking elements. The driver was ultimately apprehended at 5:30 a.m. by deputies at the intersection of Johnson Avenue and South Jeff Davis Drive without incident. The driver, Curtis Hall, 25, of Gay, GA had an outstanding warrant for Simple Battery Family Violence out of Meriwether County, GA and was also charged with Felony Fleeing and Attempting to Elude, Improper Equipment, Obstruction of Officer, Possession of Hydrocodone, Reckless Driving and Driving on Suspended License. Passenger Calvin Hall, 25, of Gay, GA was charged with Obstruction of Officer. Passenger Brandon Favors, 17, of Gay, GA was charged with Obstruction of Officer. Passenger Dontevious Ferrell, 25, of Gay, GA had an outstanding warrant for Violation of Probation from an original charge of Driving under the Influence out of Clayton County, GA and was charged with Giving False Name and Date of Birth to an Officer and Obstruction of Officer. All three passengers reported a verbal complaint of injury and were evaluated and released from Piedmont Fayette Hospital and transported to the Fayette County Jail. The driver had no complaint of injury.

The Georgia State Patrol Post # 24-Newnan is the lead agency investigating the pedestrian accident between the Fayette County Sheriff's Office and the Fayetteville Police Department and the accident with the violator vehicle striking the curbing.

Please attribute any and all quotes to Sheriff Barry H. Babb.