



Fayette County Sheriff's Office

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Press Information

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On October 16 the United States Marshals Service made an arrest in connection with an aggravated assault on a Fayette County Deputy which occurred on October 11, 2012 in Clayton County. The United States Marshals Service arrested Keith Sinclair Lake, 22, of Hampton where he faces Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer in Clayton County.

On October 11, 2012 Fayette County Sheriff's Deputies initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Lake on Helmer Road and Mitchell Road in north Fayette County. The traffic stop was made when the Fayette Deputy observed Lake driving the vehicle with no seatbelt on. At the time of the traffic stop Lake refused to provide identification to the Fayette Deputy when the deputy approached the suspect vehicle on foot. While attempting to gain Lake's identity the suspect placed the vehicle into drive and fled from the traffic stop in attempts to get away from the Fayette Deputy standing at the driver's side window.

The Fayette Deputy was able to get back to his patrol vehicle where he and a second Fayette County Deputy pursued Lake who was driving the suspect vehicle northbound on Helmer Road crossing into Clayton County. Lake continued to lead the Fayette Deputies into a subdivision off of Helmer Road where he exited the suspect vehicle on Timberlake Drive inside Clayton County.

The Fayette Deputy also exited his vehicle and the chase with Lake continued on foot. When Lake was running from the Fayette County Deputy's he slipped and briefly fell to the ground. While Lake was attempting to regain his footing the Fayette Deputy drew his duty issued Taser in attempts to stop the fleeing suspect. Prior to deploying the Taser, Lake regained his footing, turned and pointed a handgun at the Fayette Deputy discharging at least one round at the deputy. The Fayette Deputy simultaneously deployed the Taser in the direction of Lake due to being unable to transition to his firearm because of the immediate threat. The Taser deployment missed and Lake fled the area on foot. The Fayette Deputy's were not injured in this incident.

Fayette Deputies with the assistance of the Clayton County Police Department and the Clayton County Sheriff's Office conducted a manhunt for Lake but were unable to locate him. On October 16, 2012 the United States Marshals Service arrested Lake in Cobb County where he is currently being held in the Cobb County Jail for unrelated charges.