



PRESS RELEASE

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Vehicle Pursuit in Asheboro

ASHEBORO, NC – On Thursday April 3, 2014 at approximately 10:06 p.m., Randolph County 911 telecommunications received a call from an employee of Subway, located at 350 N. Fayetteville Street. The caller advised that a customer had damaged a Subway display sign and that she felt uncomfortable with his demeanor. Asheboro police officers were dispatched and responded to the scene.

Upon arrival officers were met outside the business and advised by the employee that the customer had left the store and was in a vehicle. The employee then pointed to the vehicle's location in the parking lot. Officers approached the vehicle, a green Ford Expedition displaying a Virginia registration plate, and spoke with the driver.

Master Police Officer M.C. Fulk spoke with the driver and it was apparent to him that the subject was impaired and he also noticed an open container of alcohol on the center console. Officer Fulk asked the subject to turn the vehicle off and step out, and the driver responded telling him, no. Then the suspect placed the vehicle in drive and turned the wheel sharply toward the officer and sped off, almost striking Officer Fulk. Asheboro officers then initiated a pursuit and pursued the suspect north on N. Fayetteville Street. During the course of the pursuit, officers were unable to identify the suspect by name.

Asheboro officers continued the pursuit north through the city reporting over the radio that the driver was reaching speeds of 80 mph in a 35-mph zone and crossed the center line on several occasions. Officers advised communications that traffic conditions were light to none. Upon entering the City of Randleman, Asheboro officers on U.S. 220 Business contacted Randolph County telecommunications to ask for assistance from the Randleman Police Department. As Asheboro officers approached N.C. Hwy 311, officers with the Randleman Police Department joined the pursuit and the Asheboro Police Department's second officer was called off by the on-duty supervisor. Shortly thereafter a second Randleman officer joined the pursuit and the on-duty supervisor with the Asheboro

Police Department had Officer Fulk to discontinue the pursuit, because radio traffic was deteriorating and it was getting harder to understand the officers.

When asked about the incident that occurred this morning, Lt. Colonel Jody Williams with the Asheboro Police Department said, "this was truly a tragic incident and our thoughts go out to all the families involved."

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