



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



VEHICLE PURSUIT (SUSPECT STRUCK BY CRUISER)

Cincinnati, Ohio, September 5, 2013 – Chief Deputy Mark Schoonover, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, reports at 8:54 p.m. a Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff initiated a traffic stop at Reading Road and Section Road of a 2005 Honda driven by Cordell Johnson. During the traffic stop, Johnson drove away and the Deputy initiated a traffic pursuit southbound on Reading Road. The speeds during the pursuit did not exceed 45 miles per hour. The pursuit lasted approximately three minutes and traveled less than three miles in length ending in the 1200 block of Rossmore Avenue. Johnson came to an abrupt stop and exited the vehicle to flee on foot. While exiting the vehicle Johnson dropped a loaded handgun that he had in his waistband. As he went back to retrieve the handgun he was struck by the Deputy's vehicle. The Deputy had taken evasive action to avoid crashing into the rear of the Honda, steering the cruiser to the driver's side of the Honda, striking Johnson. He was taken into custody and EMS was requested. The Cincinnati Fire Division responded to the scene and transported Johnson to University Hospital for a non life threatening leg injury.

Cordell Johnson is described as 31 years of age, black male, 5'7", 175 pounds, residing in the 5000 block of Oberlin Blvd in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is being charged with Improper Display ORC 4503.21 (minor misdemeanor), Possession of Marijuana ORC 2925.11 (minor misdemeanor), Carrying a Concealed Weapon ORC 2923.12A (Felony of the 4th degree), Having Weapons Under Disability ORC 2923.13 (a Felony of the 3rd degree), Obstructing Official Business (Misdemeanor of the 2nd degree), Failure to Comply with the Order or Signal of a Police Officer ORC 2921.331B (Felony of the 4th degree), Resisting Arrest ORC 2921.33A (Misdemeanor of the 2nd degree).

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This incident remains under investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Unit.

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