



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



PURSUIT

Green Township, September 5, 2017, – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a pursuit that was initiated by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office on west bound Interstate 74 near the Harrison Avenue overpass.

A Hamilton County Sheriff's unit observed a blue Toyota Sienna minivan with temporary Ohio tags west bound on Interstate 74 at approximately 10:03 am. He observed a traffic violation and attempted to initiate a traffic stop by activating his emergency lights and siren. The driver of the Toyota Sienna minivan refused the order by the marked Sheriff's unit to stop and continued west bound on Interstate 74 before continuing onto Interstate 275 east. The driver of the Toyota continued to disobey commands to stop and exited onto Hamilton Avenue. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office aviation unit began assisting in the in the pursuit at 10:08 am. The driver of the Toyota van maintained slow speeds and stop-sticks were successfully deployed deflating three of the vehicle tires. The Sheriff's aviation unit maintained visual surveillance which allowed the ground units to monitor the pursuit while following closely behind.

During the traffic pursuit the Sheriff's Office was assisted by multiple agencies and the vehicle pursuit ended at 11:53 am. The driver of the Toyota stopped the vehicle at 433 Caldwell Avenue, exited the vehicle and fled on foot. A Hamilton County Sheriff's K-9 unit involved in the pursuit deployed his partner and the driver was apprehended.

The driver of the Toyota was identified as David Whalen, M/W/55, and he will be charged with felony fleeing and eluding, resisting arrest along with multiple other charges. He was later transported to University Hospital for treatment of minor wounds suffered when the Sheriff's K-9 apprehended him.

There was a passenger in the vehicle and was identified as Amanda Colleen Randolph, F/W/33. She was arrested for an outstanding Drug Abuse warrant.

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