

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



VEHICLE PURSUIT ENDS IN CRASH IN COLLEGE HILL

City of Cincinnati, October 10, 2019 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a vehicle pursuit which resulted in a two-vehicle crash on West North Bend Road at Simpson Road, in College Hill, on October 10, 2019 at 11:32 a.m.

At approximately 11:30 a.m. a Sheriff's Deputy observed a 2014 Kia traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of Blue Rock Road. The Deputy attempted to initiate a traffic stop in the 3500 block of Blue Rock Road. The operator of the Kia ignored visual and audible signals to stop and led the Deputy on a short traffic pursuit. The Kia continued southbound on Blue Rock Road until it turns into Kipling Avenue. The Deputy terminated pursuit in the 2200 block of Kipling Avenue just prior to West North Bend Road. The Kia continued and then turned left onto eastbound West North Bend Road. As the Kia was approaching Simpson Avenue its operator lost control in a right-bound curve. The Kia traveled left of center and struck a 2013 Honda traveling westbound on West North Bend Road. The Honda was being operated by Sylvia Norris, age 75, of Cincinnati, Ohio. After striking Mrs. Norris' vehicle the Kia ran off the left side of the road and impacted a utility pole.

The operator of the Kia fled on foot but was apprehended a short time later at the intersection of Witherby Avenue and 2nd Avenue. The operator of the Kia was identified as Troy Mahaffey Jr., age 28, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Norris was not injured in the crash. Melyssa Overton, age 28, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a passenger in the Kia, was transported to University Hospital by

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the Cincinnati Fire Department where she is being treated for life-threatening injuries. Ms. Overton's five-week old daughter, also a passenger in the Kia, was transported to Cincinnati Children's Hospital for observation by the Cincinnati Fire Department. Mr. Mahaffey Jr. was not injured.

Mr. Mahaffey Jr. and Mrs. Norris were utilizing safety restraints at the time of the crash. Neither Ms. Overton nor her daughter were restrained.

The pursuit covered approximately 2.4 miles and was terminated 56 seconds after it was initiated. It reached speeds of 80 mph.

Neither alcohol nor drugs were factors in the crash.

Mr. Mahaffey Jr. was transported to the Hamilton County Justice and has been charged with one count of Aggravated Vehicular Assault, a felony of the second degree. Further charges are pending