

# Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

## MEDIA RELEASE



### Traffic Pursuit Results In Single Vehicle Crash

**City of Cincinnati, April 21, 2020** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a traffic pursuit which resulted in a single vehicle crash in the 2000 block of Madison Road, in the City of Cincinnati.

At 1:35 p.m., the Hamilton County Communications Center broadcast information regarding a possible stolen vehicle traveling southbound on I.R. 71. Sheriff's Deputies observed that vehicle, a 2008 Honda Fit, and attempted to make a traffic stop near the 6.5 milepost. The operator of the vehicle, later identified as Troy L. Watson, male, age 25, of Cincinnati, Ohio, refused to stop. The pursuit continued south on IR-71, exiting at Dana Avenue, to Victory Parkway, and then onto Madison Road. Mr. Watson lost control of his vehicle, causing it to exit the road and strike the Widmer's Cleaners located at 2016 Madison Road. The total length of the pursuit was 3.95 miles and lasted approximately 5 minutes.

Mr. Watson was taken into custody and transported to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center by the Cincinnati Fire Department. He was later transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center and charged with Receiving Stolen Property, a felony of the fifth degree, Failure to Comply, a felony of the third degree, along with misdemeanor and traffic offenses.

There was a female passenger in Mr. Watson's vehicle. She was not injured in the crash. There were also customers and employees inside the Widmer's Cleaners at the time of the crash; none were injured. The building sustained minor damage.

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