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Date: 5/6/15
Complaint Number: 15-121674
Type of Incident: Pursuit
Reporting Officer: Det. Haverkamp
Supervisor Approval: Lt. Al Roetman

On Wednesday, May 6th, 2015, at about 3:30 a.m. the Kent County Sheriff Department responded to a suspicious situation in the area 68th/Whitneyville in Caledonia Township. On arrival Deputies located an occupied suspicious vehicle which fled from Deputies. A short pursuit ensued and the vehicle was lost in the area of Whitneyville near 84th Street.

Deputies located the suspect vehicle unoccupied at Lakefield Court/92nd Street and it was believed that the suspect fled on foot from the area.

A perimeter was established and Wyoming Police K-9 responded to assist. Shortly thereafter, a vehicle was stolen from a nearby neighborhood, rammed a Kent County Patrol car, and fled the scene. The Deputy was not injured.

The suspect and stolen vehicle were located in the City of Wyoming.

UPDATE:

In response to media questions:

The initial vehicle that was pursued was not stolen at the time of this incident. After the suspect crashed his vehicle, he had fled on foot. The suspect was actively being pursued by K9 and deputies on foot when he located a vehicle at a residence in the area of 92nd Street and Whitneyville. The suspect stole a vehicle and fled from officers. Using the stolen vehicle, the suspect struck a KCSO patrol unit that was on a perimeter point. The stolen vehicle sustained front passenger side damage and KCSO patrol unit had front end damage. One of the investigating officers at the scene, recognized the suspect from prior contacts. The suspect was located in the City of Wyoming and taken into custody. The stolen vehicle was located a couple blocks away also in City of Wyoming. The suspect provided a confession into this incident and acknowledged he was attempting to break into the Car Lovers Car Wash located at 6790 Whitneyville Avenue SE.

Suspect:

39 year old male, originally from Caledonia Township but recently moved to City of Wyoming. Suspect is lodged in Kent County Correctional Facility for several felony charges. No further information to be released at this time pending arraignment.

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