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THOMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Case # 24-03-001295

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EVENT	INCIDENT TYPE	COUNTS	INCIDENT CODE	PREMISE TYPE	
	16-10-24 - OBSTRUCTING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS	2	4801	6 RESIDENCE	
	40-6-390 - RECKLESS DRIVING	1	5311		
	INCIDENT LOCATION	LOCATION NAME	LOC CODE	WEAPON TYPE	
	MLK @ GORDON STREET , THOMSON, GA 30824				
	INCIDENT DATE	INCIDENT TIME	DATE	TIME	STRANGER TO STRANGER
	03/05/2024	21:02	TO 03/05/2024	21:15	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNK <input type="checkbox"/>
	COMPLAINANT	ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER	
		PUBLIC COPY REDACTED		PUBLIC COPY	

VICTIM	VICTIMS NAME	RACE	SEX	AGE	DOB	RESIDENCE PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE
	RUSSELL, RICHARD			124	1899	PUBLIC COPY	PUBLIC COPY
	ADDRESS	CENSUS TRACT	EMPLOYER OR OCCUPATION				
	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED						
	STUDENT ?	IF YES, NAME VICTIM'S SCHOOL					
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO						

OFFENDER	NAME	RACE	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	
	MCGAHEE, JAMEZ ANDRA	B	M	2004	19	
	ADDRESS	CENSUS TRACT	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYES
	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED		600	150	BLK	BRO
	WANTED <input type="checkbox"/>	CHARGES	COUNTS	OFFENSE CODE	OFFENSE / ARREST	JURISDICTION
	WARRANT <input type="checkbox"/>					CI = CITY CO = COUNTY ST = STATE OU = OUT OF STATE UN = UNKNOWN
	ARREST <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
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	UNKNOWN,	U	U	1899	124	
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VEHICLE	TOTAL NUMBER ARRESTED	ARREST AT OR NEAR OFFENSE SCENE	DATE OF OFFENSE			
	1	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNK <input type="checkbox"/>				
	TAG NUMBER	STATE	YEAR	V.I.N.	PLATE ONLY	VIN PLATE ONLY
	SAF2634	GA	2015	1G11A5SL3FU140091		
	STOLEN <input type="checkbox"/>	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE	COLOR
	RECOVD <input type="checkbox"/>	2015	CHEVROLET	MALIBU 4S	4-DOOR	WHI
	SUSPECTS <input type="checkbox"/>	MOTOR SIZE (CID)	AUTO	MAN.	SPD	INSURED BY
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IMPOUND <input type="checkbox"/>					VALID INSURANCE COVERAGE 20221217	

WITNESS	NAMES	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
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PROPERTY	VEHICLES	CURRENCY, NOTES, ETC.	JEWELRY, PREC. METALS	FURS	PROPERTY RECOVERY INFO ONLY	JURIS. CODES
	STOLEN				THEFT/RECOVERY	1 = CITY
	RECOVERED				<input type="checkbox"/>	2 = COUNTY
	CLOTHING	OFFICE EQUIP.	TV, RADIO, ETC.	HOUSEHOLD GOODS	DATE OF THEFT	3 = STATE
	STOLEN					4 = OUT OF STATE
	RECOVERED					5 = UNKNOWN
FIREARMS	CONSUMABLE GOODS	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TOTAL		
STOLEN						
RECOVERED						

ADM	GCIC ENTRY <input type="checkbox"/>	WARRANT <input type="checkbox"/>	MISSING PERSONS <input type="checkbox"/>	VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/>	ARTICLE <input type="checkbox"/>	BOAT <input type="checkbox"/>	GUN <input type="checkbox"/>	SECURITIES <input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	VICTIM WILL PROSECUTE <input type="checkbox"/>	UNIF. FOLLOW UP <input type="checkbox"/>	PHOTO TAKEN? <input type="checkbox"/>	VIDEO/AUDIO <input type="checkbox"/>	CID NOTIFIED? <input type="checkbox"/>	FORWARDED TO CID <input type="checkbox"/>	

CLEAR

REQUIRED DATA FIELDS FOR CLEARANCE REPORT

CLEARED BY ARREST

EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED

UNFOUNDED

REPORT DATE

03/05/2024

DATE OF CLEARANCE

03/05/2024

ADULT

JUVENILE

CASE

ACTIVE

INACTIVE

DRUG

DID INVESTIGATION INDICATE THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS DRUG RELATED? IF YES, INDICATE THE TYPE OF DRUG(S) USED BY OFFENDER

YES

NO

1-AMPHETAMINE

2-BARBITURATE

3-COCAINE

4-HALLUCINOGEN

5-HEROIN

6-MARIJUANA

7-METHAMPHETAMINE

8-OPIUM

9-SYNTHETIC NARCOTIC

U-UNKNOWN

NARRATIVE

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REPORTING OFFICER

RUSSELL, RICHARD

NUMBER

113

APPROVING OFFICER

BENTON, RA

NUMBER

111

ASSIGNED INVESTIGATOR

NUMBER

Officer Supplementals -- Case No. 24-03-001295

Officer Name / Badge: RUSSELL, RICHARD /

Entry Date / Time: 03/06/2024 04:56

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The unidentified driver of the vehicle continued on Greenway at approximately 25-30 miles per hour. Officer Russell activated his siren along with his blue lights and continued behind the vehicle. The vehicle continued on at low speeds past several safe places to stop. Officer Russell was able to safely get beside the vehicle on the driver side with his emergency lights and sirens activated so the entire marked vehicle could be seen by the driver. Officer Russell fell back in behind the vehicle at which point the driver accelerated through a 4 way stop on Greenway at White Oak Street and continued on towards Railroad Street in both lanes of travel.

Officer Russell notified dispatch of the situation as the attempted stop approached Greenway at Railroad. The vehicle turned left onto Black Street and came to a stop. Officer Russell stopped and prepared to conduct a felony stop on the vehicle. Before Officer Russell could exit his vehicle the driver again took off continuing on Black Street towards East Hill Street.

The driver ran the stop sign at Black Street and East Hill Street continuing across East Hill Street towards Watson Street on Black Street. Due to the driver's refusal to stop, reckless driving charges, and the vehicle's previous history with this agency a vehicle pursuit was initiated as the vehicle crossed over Watson Street on Black Street.

The pursuit continued on Black Street and the route taken was as follows: a left on Pitts Street, a right onto Bussey Avenue, a right on Gus Street, a left onto Dixie Drive, a right onto Forest Clary Drive Extension, a right onto Pine Lane Drive, a right onto Pitts Street, a right onto Bussey Avenue, and a left onto Gus Street. As the vehicle made its last right turn onto Pitts Street from Dixie Drive it struck the curb causing the vehicle to go into a clock wise spin coming to rest side ways in the middle of Pitts Street before continuing on to Bussey Avenue.

Once on Gus Street the driver turned into a driveway between 404 and 406 Gus Street and continued into the back yard of 524 Bussey Avenue where the driver was unable to continue and was forced to abandon the vehicle and flee on foot.

When the vehicle entered the back yard of 524 Bussey Avenue the driver and front passenger door both opened. The passenger identified as, Jamez McGahee, was the first occupant out of the vehicle ran around the front of the vehicle towards Bussey Avenue. The driver exited less than a second later and also ran towards Bussey Avenue. Jamez McGahee briefly got stuck between the vehicle and the overgrowth on the fence at the front of the vehicle but was able to free himself and continued running towards Bussey Avenue along the side of 524 Bussey Avenue. Officer Russell was able to catch up to the occupants and give a description of the driver. Officer Russell deployed his Taser X2 (serial number X29008WRR) in an attempt to prevent Jamez McGahee from escaping. The first cartridge deployment (Serial number C620H3F56) had no effect so Officer Russell deployed his second cartridge (Serial number C620C7EW6) which also had no effect. Officer Russell did not see or hear a good connection from either cartridge and Jamez McGahee continued to flee on foot seemingly unaffected. During his attempt to flee Jamez McGahee fell twice in the brush as Officer Russell attempted to catch him which is when Officer Russell attempted to deploy the Taser. Jamez McGahee falling is what prevented Officer Russell from

making a successful Taser connection during his flight.

Officer Russell continued the foot pursuit of Jamez McGahee as Officer Holmes began to chase the unidentified driver down Bussey Avenue. Jamez McGahee fled into 524 Bussey Avenue and slammed the door behind him as Officer Russell was trying to catch him. Officer Russell continued into the residence in active pursuit, drew his service weapon and began to search the residence for Jamez McGahee. There were approximately 5 Adults inside the residence and once Officer Russell made entry into the residence 3 to 4 more unidentified adults came in behind him.

Officer Russell entered the residence and continued to the right and did not locate Jamez McGahee. Officer Russell made his way past approximately 6 to 7 screaming adults to the bedroom on the left side of the house. Officer Russell entered the bedroom with his service weapon out and observed 4 toddlers, an infant and one adult female in the room. Officer Russell lowered his weapon and attempted to speak with the female but communication was unsuccessful given the amount of yelling, people, and confusion that was taking place. The adult female stated that no one but the children and her were in the room.

All of the individuals were yelling and stating that no one came into the residence. All of the individuals were startled and emotions were high as most everyone was confused and yelling. Given the high potential of escalating the situation even further the presence of many small children and inability to communicate with everyone at once effectively Officer Russell withdrew from the residence to hold a perimeter.

The owner of the house, Noressa Williams, was able to assist in gaining some control of the situation and spoke with Officer Russell. Officer Russell was able to explain to Noressa Williams why he entered her house and what brought him there to begin with. Noressa Williams gave consent for Officer Russell to search her house for the subject that had just fled. All of the individuals in the house and outside at the time Officer Russell made entry stated no one entered the residence. They all stated if Officer Russell found someone they should not be inside.

A secondary search of the residence was still met with some resistance from the other individuals in the house making it difficult and less safe than it already was. Officer Russell attempted to talk with everyone but again was unsuccessful given how many individuals were present and talking all at once. Officer Holmes located a single Taser barb in the floor of the bedroom to the left indicating the suspect had been in the room and by all accounts had not left.

The individuals inside the residence also realized someone maybe in the house at this point and backed up, helped remove the juveniles from the room and allowed officer to search uninterrupted. Officer Russell gave verbal commands for Jamez McGahee to come out and show his hands. Jamez McGahee complied with the commands as he exited the bedroom closet.

Jamez McGahee was taken into custody without incident. Officer Russell noticed Jamez McGahee was bleeding from his left hand but Jamez McGahee stated he was ok. Jamez McGahee was removed from the residence and placed in the rear of Officer Russell's patrol vehicle. Officer Russell later removed Jamez McGahee from his vehicle cleaned his hand with a bottle of water and requested EMS to look at his hand.

Officer Russell read Jamez McGahee his Miranda Rights Jamez McGahee stated he understood and would speak to Officer Russell without a lawyer present. Officer Russell asked Jamez McGahee about why he ran and who was with him. Jamez McGahee stated he was scared and he "just caught a ride" with a stranger. Officer Russell later confronted Jamez McGahee with the fact he knew the vehicle he was in was loaned out frequently and that he was riding with a friend. Officer Russell asked if Jamez McGahee was going to be a witness to what occurred or stick to his original story. Jamez McGahee stated he'd just go to jail.

During the interview Jamez McGahee was unable to make eye contact with Officer Russell while he gave answers to questions, was vague in details, and short in his answers. When Officer Russell mentioned this to Jamez McGahee in the back of his patrol vehicle Jamez McGahee blamed it on the rain.

EMS checked on Jamez McGahee on scene, cleaned his hand up better and wrapped it in gauze. Jamez McGahee was not transported by EMS as he was in police custody at the time and did not have serious injuries. When asked if he wanted to go to the hospital Jamez McGahee refused. Officer Russell got in his patrol vehicle after Jamez McGahee refused and Jamez McGahee made a complaint about his finger. Jamez McGahee was asked again about the hospital and he again refused stating "nawh don't worry about that."

Officers were unable to locate any locations where a Taser probe made contact with Jamez McGahee on scene. Jamez McGahee stated he thought the Taser hit him in the hand and back. Jamez McGahee would later state he pulled a probe from his hand inside the residence. Officers were unable to determine if the injury to Jamez McGahee's hand was from a Taser probe or running through the brush and falling.

It was learned Jamez McGahee had an active warrant for his arrest. While on scene the owner of the listed vehicle, Charlie Stephens, called into McDuffie County Dispatch and gave a statement to Officer Holmes that an individual named "D" was supposed to be barrowing his vehicle. The listed vehicle was towed by Jimmy and Deana's towing.

Jamez McGahee was transported to the jail and committed on his warrant active warrant. warrants were applied for and obtained on the new charge of misdemeanor obstruction of a law enforcement officer. Jamez McGahee was later transported to Piedmont McDuffie Hospital by Officer Holmes for further evaluation and returned to the detention center.

Officer Name / Badge: SHELTON, ANTHONY /

Entry Date / Time: 03/06/2024 21:15

On Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 while on routine patrol at 2100 hours, TPD Officer Russell, 113, initiated a traffic stop on a white Chevy Malibu Georgia tag SAF 2634.

Officer Russell advised the vehicle was not stopping and a pursuit was initiated. I joined the pursuit at West Hill Street and Black Street and began callouts as car two.

Speeds were moderate between 30 to 40 mph, as we traveled east on Pitt Street. We made a right turn traveling south on Bussey Avenue, at speeds of 30 to 40 mph. Made a right turn on Gus and then a left turn on Dixie. we then made a right turn on Forest Clary and a right turn on Pine Lane with speeds continuing to be between 30 and 40 mph.

The vehicle made a right turn back onto Pitt Street where it made a short right turn causing the right rear tire to catch the curb partially rotating the vehicle clockwise. After the contact, the vehicle straightened back up on Pitts Street and we continued East until making another right turn onto Bussey Avenue traveling south. After continuing on Bussey Avenue we made a left-hand turn on Guss Street where the vehicle then made an immediate left turn between 402 and 404 Gus Street driving through the backyard.

As the vehicle was coming to a stop both driver and passenger exited the vehicle. The passenger was partially struck by the front of the vehicle before it came to a stop in the wooded tree line behind 524 Bussey Avenue.

As I came to a stop in the driveway of 524 Bussey Avenue, Officer Russell was in a foot pursuit with the passenger and he advised the passenger had run through the front door of the residence and he was continuing to follow. I secured the suspect vehicle and stayed at the back door of 524 Bussey as security in case the subject ran through the back of the house. Officer Russell advised that he was exiting the home and would need another officer and requested that I stay at the back door.

Officer Holmes attempted to stop the driver of the vehicle who had run across Bussey Avenue towards Dixie Drive but had lost visual. After Holmes returned to 524 Bussey, he and Officer Russell initiated a search of the home with the compliance of the homeowner Noressa Williams, where they were able to locate the passenger who was hiding in the back of the residence in a closet.

After the passenger was secured, I assisted in moving the vehicle from the back of the residents to the front and parked it in front of 524 Bussey, and stood by until the wrecker arrived on the scene.

Further investigation was turned over to Officer Russell.