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PRESS RELEASE

Harrison County Law Enforcement Agencies Cooperate to Apprehend Driver in Dangerous Pursuit

Several Harrison County law enforcement agencies coordinated to take a driver into custody after a pursuit that began on I20 in Hallsville and ended on Woodall Street in Marshall at approximately 6 pm on Saturday, February 28, 2015.

The driver, identified as Anthony Christian of Longview, was suspected of being involved in a hit and run in Gregg County and was followed by a civilian until a Hallsville PD officer located him on I20 near the exit for FM 450. Christian refused to pull over and was pursued east bound by HPD, HCSO and Texas Highway Patrol.

Christian exited I20 at SH43 where he briefly came to a stop. An MPD patrol supervisor and a HCSO deputy approached the vehicle instructing Christian to exit his vehicle. Christian did not cooperate and accelerated at the MPD supervisor striking him with the blue Grand Marquis he was driving. The officer did not sustain any injuries.

Christian continued north on SH 43 reaching speeds of 100 mph as he entered the city limits of Marshall. Officers worked to block crossing intersections as the pursuit approached in order to protect the public from the pursuit. An MPD officer near MLK and Pinecrest deployed a spike strip that successfully punctured the passenger tires on Christian's vehicle. Christian continued northeast on Pinecrest, and then south on South Washington at high rates of speed despite his vehicle being partially disabled. He then turned east onto Woodall Street where he pulled into a driveway in the 100 block of Woodall.

Christian was taken into custody and transported to Good Shepherd Marshall by MFD EMS to be medically cleared for jail. HCSO then transported him to the Harrison County Jail where Christian was charged with Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant and Evading Arrest/Detention with a Motor Vehicle. Additional charges are pending.

"I am proud of the men and women that serve Marshall and Harrison County as law enforcement officers. They put themselves at risk every day to protect our communities, and work well together whenever the need arises," Chief Jesus "Eddie" Campa said, "Today was a shining example of how that cooperation and professionalism that helps to make Marshall and Harrison County such a wonderful place to live and raise our families."

Lt. Len Ames

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