



Greg Capers, Sheriff

SAN JACINTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

75 W. Cedar Avenue
Coldspring, Texas 77331

Main – 936.653.4367
Fax – 936.653.5058

MEDIA RELEASE

January 1, 2016

Sheriff Locates Stolen Vehicle - Pursues and Captures Suspects

On New Year's Eve just before 10pm, Sheriff Greg Capers was patrolling in the Shepherd Texas area. The Sheriff observed a suspicious vehicle at the Shell Station and ran the license plate via his Sheriff's Office "new" in-car computer (purchased with Seizure Funds). The vehicle showed to be stolen out of Longview, Texas.

Sheriff Capers stood by and observed the vehicle which was occupied by at least 2 persons. While waiting for back up units to arrive, the Sheriff observed a male exit the store and enter the driver's seat of the vehicle. In attempt to prevent the suspect from leaving, Sheriff Capers parked his patrol vehicle close behind the stolen vehicle and turned on his emergency lights. As the Sheriff approached the driver's side of the vehicle to detain the suspect, the suspect intentionally reversed the vehicle and struck the front of the Sheriff's patrol car. As the suspect fled Sheriff Capers opened the suspects driver's side door and the suspect struck the Sheriff, rolling the Sheriff off of the vehicle, as he was driving across the sidewalk to evade. Sheriff Capers pursued the suspect vehicle on to Southbound US 59 reaching speeds of 120MPH. At about mile 4 of the 10 mile pursuit, Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper K. McKellar joined Sheriff Capers. Trooper McKellar advised he was pacing the pursuit at 124 MPH on the rain soaked highway. When nearing the county line the suspect attempted to pass an 18 wheeler on the right side then swerved back across to the inside lane, striking the rear of the 18 wheeler then violently spinning out of control and coming to rest in the ditch. The suspect attempted to flee on foot, however the Sheriff and Trooper McKellar were able to take the suspect into custody about 20 yards from the crashed vehicle after the suspect fell into the barbed wire fence. The Sheriff observed the suspect had sustained major injury in the vehicle crash and EMS was called. The suspect was flown by Life Flight to the hospital. Sheriff Capers and Trooper McKellar found a small bag of Methamphetamine in the suspect's pants pocket.

While the Sheriff and Trooper McKellar were tending to the driver, Sheriff's Sergeant A. Henderson arrived and took the 2 occupants, still in the vehicle, into custody. Other San Jacinto County Sheriff's Deputies and the Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol assisted in this investigation. No other persons were injured in the incident.

The suspects are:



(DRIVER) JESTERS, ALTON (Currently hospitalized and in stable condition)
WM 25
LONGVIEW, TX

Charges Pending: Aggravated Assault on Peace Officer, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, Evading Arrest by Motor Vehicle, Possession of Methamphetamine



(PASSENGER) COATES, BRIDGETTE LYNELLE
WF 24
LONGVIEW, TX

Charged: Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle / Criminal Trespass



(PASSENGER) DORSEY, JOSHAWA ROGERS
WM 24
HALLSVILLE, TX

Charged: Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle / Criminal Trespass