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Apprehension of Wanted Felon Results in K9 Duty Evaluation

Approximately 8:30 a.m. this morning, an LCSO deputy observed a male wanted on felony charges driving in traffic. An LCSO K9 team and LCSO's aviation unit were immediately alerted and conducted a traffic stop. The suspect pulled into the Bojangles parking lot, located at 1350 East Park Avenue, and then fled the vehicle.

Three bystanders were in close proximity to where the suspect exited his vehicle in the parking lot. The K9 handler then deployed his K9 partner toward the suspect. One of the bystanders then made a quick reaction, away from the K9. The K9 then shifted his attention to the bystander and latched onto the bystander's thigh, resulting in puncture wounds. The bystander was treated at a local hospital and released.

"The Leon County Sheriff's Office offers its sincere apologies to the gentleman and his family. We are committed to providing the best law enforcement to our citizens. LCSO is working with our K9 handlers to ensure an unfortunate event, such as this, does not happen again," said Sheriff Walt McNeil.

The K9 involved in today's incident will not be utilized for apprehensions, pending a review of the incident.

The wanted suspect, 22 year old Freddie Lee Norton, was apprehended on scene. Norton was wanted on charges of Aggravated Battery of a Pregnant Victim, Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell or Deliver and other charges.



ARRESTED: Freddie L. Norton Jr. 01/31/1996

CHARGES: Possession of Cocaine, Resisting Arrest without Violence, and Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana

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