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Drive-Thru Employee Arrested after Chasing Customer with a Firearm

Around 7 am this morning, a Leon County Deputy was flagged down by a resident, explaining he was being followed by a man with a firearm.

The victim told deputies he was in the drive thru at Steak and Shake, located at 1459 Capital Circle NW, when he had a brief, verbal exchange through the drive-thru speaker with the drive-thru attendant. The attendant was later identified as 32 year old Luther Parks. The victim decided to leave the drive-thru to go to another restaurant. The victim drove to the turn lane at Capital Circle NW and Tharpe Street. While waiting at the light, Parks came to his vehicle to confront him. After a verbal exchange at the intersection, the victim made a u-turn onto Capital Circle.

While in the drive-thru of the second restaurant, the victim saw Parks getting out of a vehicle behind him. He saw Parks retrieve a firearm from the vehicle and begin to walk toward his car. The victim then left that drive-thru, where he saw a Leon County Deputy stopped at the traffic light.

While talking with the deputy, the victim saw the suspect's vehicle. The deputy then followed the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop. Parks did not respond to the deputy and continued back to Capital Circle NW, where he drove across the southbound lanes, jumped the median, and onto the northbound lanes of Capital Circle NW.

Parks then pulled back in to the Steak and Shake parking lot, jumped out of the vehicle while it was still rolling and ran toward a wooded area between the restaurant and the business located in the 4400 block of W Tennessee Street. As the deputy began to chase Parks on foot, he heard Parks fire a gun. The deputy then took cover at his vehicle and called for responding deputies to set up a perimeter.

Parks then found an empty car in the rear parking lot of a nearby business and got into the passenger seat. The driver of that vehicle returned and told Parks to exit her vehicle and he complied.

Parks then ran around to the front parking lot where he was apprehended by deputies on scene.

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The firearm was located in the wooded area just south of Steak and Shake with the assistance of LCSO K-9.

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Luther Parks, 32 years of age



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**Aggravated Assault with a Firearm
Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon
Burglary of a Conveyance
Fleeing and Eluding
Resisting Arrested without Violence**



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