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Communications Officer Convinces Teenager to End Pursuit

Bradfordville- A thirteen year old has been arrested on numerous felony charges stemming from a vehicle pursuit.

On Sunday May 20 shortly after 1:00 AM, Leon County Sheriff's Deputies Travis Knight and Jennifer Morris attempted to stop a BMW in the area of Bull Headley Road for a broken headlight. The driver, later identified as Stephen Warren, 4-30-94, refused to stop and fled the area. K-9 Team Deputy Morgan Wysocki intercepted the car as it drove southbound on Thomasville Road. According to reports, the car was occupied by the driver and three passengers. Deputy Wysocki reported the passengers appeared to be scared and in distress.

K-9 Team Deputy Rob Wright joined Deputy Wysocki and they continued behind the car as it traveled westbound on Interstate 10 into Gadsden County. During the pursuit Wysocki indicated the passengers appeared to be pleading for help. While they were traveling on Interstate 10, the LCSO Communications Section notified deputies that Warren had called and wanted to negotiate surrender. According to tapes, Communications Officer Jennifer Zambrana talked directly with Warren and ultimately convinced him to slow down and eventually pull over and end the pursuit. Once the car had pulled over, Warren refused to unlock the doors or roll down the windows. A rear seat passenger opened his door which enabled Deputy Wright to jump into the car and secure the keys. Deputies also recovered a handgun from the floorboard of the BMW.

Warren was taken into custody without further incident. The passengers were recovered and interviewed. According to the passengers, Warren came over to one of the boy's homes showing off the car and a handgun he had taken from his parents. They reported that Warren told them to come with him and they did out of fear. It was also reported Warren had threatened to shoot them and the deputies during the pursuit and waived the gun around at them..

Stephen Warren was taken to JAC charged with several counts of Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, Aggravated Fleeing and Attempting to Elude, and additional related charges.

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