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Update: Fleeing Felon who Left Behind Pound of Marijuana Arrested

On Wednesday August 6, 2008, at approximately 2:40AM, Deputy Daniel Roufa was on patrol when he observed a Chrysler PT Cruiser with the left taillight not functioning, traveling west on Ross Road. Once on Deslin Drive, Deputy Roufa initiated a traffic stop. At first the driver stopped but when Deputy Roufa approached the vehicle, the driver sped off turning onto Deslin Court. Knowing that Deslin Court was a dead-end road, Deputy Roufa followed the path of the suspect and observed the vehicle make a u-turn and head back toward him. Deputy Roufa turned on his emergency lights, exited his vehicle and ordered the suspect to stop. Instead of slowing down or stopping, the driver accelerated towards Deputy Roufa. Only after Deputy Roufa unholstered his weapon did the driver swerve away from the deputy. The driver sped south on Deslin Drive, then turned onto Ross Road. The driver lost control of the vehicle, and crashed into a ditch in the 200 block of Ross Road then fled on foot. During a search of the vehicle approximately one (1) pound of marijuana was located.

That morning a citizen reported finding a loaded 9mm handgun, 16 Ecstasy pills, powder cocaine and a digital scale on Deslin Drive. It is believed the suspect that refused to stop for Deputy Roufa threw these items out of his vehicle as he fled. Leon County Sheriff's Office Vice Detectives took over this investigation and identified Reginald Marion as a suspect. Marion was wanted on four (4) outstanding warrants for possession of marijuana with intent to sell and resisting a law enforcement officer.

Yesterday, Vice Detectives located Marion at a residence on Disston Street. As Detectives Brian Pearson and Cliff Couch approached Marion he fled into the residence to escape arrest. Detectives chased the subject inside, where Marion surrendered and was taken into custody without further incident. While securing Marion, Detectives observed a gallon size plastic bag of marijuana in plain view sitting on a table. Next to the marijuana was a scale and baggies, used for distribution. A search warrant was obtained for the residence where Marion was arrested. The Ziploc bag contained approximately one (1) pound of marijuana. More marijuana was located in each bedroom along with drug paraphernalia and ammunition. After Marion's arrest, Deputy Roufa identified him as the same subject that refused to stop for him on Wednesday morning.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "Dealing drugs and running from a Deputy Sheriff will not be tolerated in Leon County. To all would-be drug dealers, you may run but my deputies will find you and when they do, you will go to jail. I have zero tolerance for armed, drug dealing criminals who run from the law and roam the streets of Tallahassee selling illegal drugs to our children, family and friends."

Arrested:
Reginald L. Marion
DOB: 01/01/1986



Charges:

(2) Counts of Possession of Marijuana with intent to sell
(2) Counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer
Felony Fleeing and Eluding
Resisting Arrest without Violence
Driving While License Suspend or Revoked

Note: More charges maybe added after the firearm and drugs found on Deslin Drive are processed for fingerprints.



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