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## **Speeding Violation Leads Deputies to Drug, Gun Arrest**

On June 21, 2020, deputies with the Leon County Sheriff's Office observed a black Ford passenger car speeding in the area of Old Bainbridge Road and Camden Road. The vehicle was traveling 65 mph in a 35 mph zone. Deputies conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver, 27-year-old John Ware, and a front seat passenger. Deputies confirmed Ware had a suspended license and was a convicted felon. The vehicle was also confirmed to be leased in the passenger's name.

Deputies were given consent to search the vehicle by both Ware and the passenger. The passenger advised deputies they did not have a concealed carry permit, but there was a .25 caliber handgun, which they owned, in the glove box. During the search, deputies located the firearm and a pair of green and dark blue/black socks in the front passenger door panel. Inside the socks were a plastic baggie containing a suspected narcotic with a white powdery appearance. Further investigation revealed Ware was in possession of a small digital scale and just below \$2,000 cash in his pockets. Ware admitted the white powdery substance was his and claimed it was a type of sugar for baking that he and the passenger made and sold. Deputies also learned Ware had been driving the vehicle, containing the handgun, very often, with and without the passenger.

Field tests were performed on the white powdery substance and proved positive for A-PVP/FLAKKA. The total weight of the substance was over 96 grams.

The handgun was seized on scene. The vehicle was turned over to the passenger who was released on scene.

Ware was arrested and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility.



**ARRESTED:** John Ware

**DOB:** 5/17/1993

**CHARGES:** Drug Trafficking

Poss. of Narcotic Equipment

Display Firearm During Felony

Poss. of Weapon or Ammo by Felon

Driving While License Suspended (2<sup>nd</sup> OFF)



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