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Stolen Vehicle Investigation Nets Arrest and Firearm

On May 7, 2021, Leon County Sheriff's Office deputies located a suspected stolen vehicle being driven in the area of High Road. Through investigative means, deputies confirmed the vehicle, a white Dodge truck, was reported stolen to the Panama City Beach Police Department on May 6. Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Richmond Street and Nylic Street and made contact with the driver of the vehicle, 15-year-old Micah Bennett.

During the initial investigation, Bennett advised deputies there was a firearm inside the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, deputies located a 9mm handgun and a separate magazine loaded with five rounds of ammunition. Further in the investigation, deputies learned Bennett did not know who owned the vehicle and was given the vehicle from another person with Bennett having knowledge of the handgun inside the vehicle.

Deputies seized the handgun, magazine, and vehicle on scene.

Detectives with the joint Property Crimes Task force, along with the LCSO Juvenile Investigative Unit assisted with the investigation.

Bennett was arrested and transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center.



ARRESTED: Micah Bennett

DOB: 11/21/05

CHARGES: Grand Theft Motor Vehicle

Unlawful Possession of Weapon by Minor

Carrying Concealed Weapon



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