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Case: FD19-3328 – Vehicle Pursuit and Arrest

On Thursday, November 14 at approximately 12:43 P.M., an officer with the Fort Dodge Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 100 block of South 12th Street. The initial reason for the traffic stop was for a seat belt violation. The officer approached the vehicle and began speaking with the two male occupants.

The officer on scene had reason to believe illegal narcotics were present in the vehicle. Shortly after stopping the vehicle, the driver drove away from the traffic stop. The officer again attempted to stop the vehicle but the driver continued to elude the officer and refused to stop. The driver continued to elude the officer at low speeds circling an approximate four block area from Central Ave and 12th Street.

The driver fled the vehicle on foot in the 1200 block of 1st Ave North, where he was taken into custody. During this incident, a male passenger also fled the vehicle on foot and was captured after a short foot pursuit. During this foot pursuit, the male passenger swung at the pursuing officer, striking him in the face before being taken into custody.

At this point in the investigation, two individuals were taken to the Webster County Jail on the following charges;

Morquett B. Jackson, 34-years-old of Fort Dodge

- Eluding – Serious Misdemeanor
- Interference with Official Acts Causing Bodily Injury – Serious Misdemeanor
- Several traffic citations

Johnnie Jackson, Jr., 56-years-old of Fort Dodge

- Assault on a Person in Certain Occupations Causing Bodily Injury – Aggravated Misdemeanor
- Interference with Official Acts Causing Bodily Injury – Serious Misdemeanor

As with all cases, both subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

During this investigation, illegal narcotics were also located. We are continuing to follow up on this evidence and further charges are pending. Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact the Fort Dodge Police Department.

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