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## Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Traffic Pursuit- Case 23-1304

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On 05/25/2023 at approximately 6:30pm, Wasilla Police responded to a report of a male attempting to break into vehicles in the parking lot of Valley Cinema. The report included the description of a Dodge 2500 found to be stolen from the Anchorage Airport earlier in the day. It was additionally reported a firearm had been inside the vehicle when it was stolen. Officers responded to the area and located the vehicle as it was leaving on Seward Meridian Parkway. Officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle. The suspect male, later identified as 33-year-old Wasilla resident Jeffery Duncan Jr., failed to stop and instead began to accelerate turning southbound on the Parks Highway.

While officers pursued, Duncan drove recklessly at excessive speeds and nearly caused multiple vehicle collisions. An Alaska State Trooper successfully deployed spike strips, a tire deflation device, on the vehicle near the Birchwood exit. The vehicle then exited on the N Eagle River exit ramp where a Wasilla Police officer performed a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) on the vehicle. As officers attempted to pin the vehicle, Duncan rammed two patrol vehicles. Officers were able to block the Dodge and prevent its return to the road. As Anchorage Police Department and Alaska State Troopers arrived on scene to assist, Duncan refused to listen to commands. Officers were able to safely deploy bean bag rounds into the vehicle, leading to Duncan's compliance.

Duncan was taken into custody without further incident and remanded to Mat-Su Pretrial on the following charges: one count of fail to stop at the direction of a peace officer in the first degree, one count of theft by receiving in the second degree, two counts of criminal mischief in the first degree, three counts of assault in the third degree (two against police officers), one count of driving while license suspended/revoked and eight counts of violating conditions of release.

The Wasilla Police Department is asking anyone who was driving on the southbound Parks or Glenn Highways at the time of the incident and had to take evasive action to avoid a collision with Duncan to contact Officer Rice at 907-352-5431.

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