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MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, WITH ASSIST FROM OGDEN P.D., MAKE ARRESTS IN BROCKPORT WALMART LARCENY AND ASSAULT OF A POLICE OFFICER

One Suspect Fled and was Subsequently Taken into Custody; MCSO Lieutenant Suffered Injuries

Brockport, NY (June 18, 2018) – On today's date, June 18, 2019 at 4:38 a.m., Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Anderson responded to the Brockport Walmart, located at 6265 Brockport Spencerport Rd., Sweden, for a reported larceny in progress. The store manager stated multiple suspects stole a sound bar and fled the store. Deputy Anderson put out a description of the suspects and suspect vehicle on the police radio.

Ogden Police Sergeant Travis Gray located the vehicle, a Pontiac Bonneville, and made a traffic stop on Route 531 at Manitou Rd. MCSO deputies responded to the scene shortly thereafter. While Ogden P.D. Sgt. Gray and MCSO Deputy Kyle Burritt were in the process of removing the rear passenger from the vehicle, MCSO Lieutenant Kevin Schoepfel and Deputy Caroline Josh were removing the driver. While doing so, the front seat passenger slid into the driver's seat and put the vehicle in gear. MCSO Lieutenant Schoepfel attempted to prevent the suspect from fleeing in the vehicle. In the process, Lt. Schoepfel was dragged several feet, causing injuries to include abrasions and a sprained knee and ankle. The suspect, Memzel D. Stewart, 42, Rochester, drove away and abandoned the vehicle just east of Elmgrove Rd., fleeing on foot into the woods south of Rt. 531 in the town of Ogden. Additional MCSO deputies arrived on scene, located Mr. Stewart just east of Elmgrove Rd., Ogden. Deputies took Stewart into custody without further incident. Mr. Stewart is a Parole Absconder.



MCSO deputies charged Mr. Stewart with the following:

Stewart, Memzel D.
42 years old
Rochester, NY



Charges:

- **Assault in the 2nd degree (Class D – Felony)**
- **Reckless Endangerment in the 1st degree (Class D- Felony)**
- **Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st degree (Class D- Felony)**
- **Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd degree (Class A- Misdemeanor)**
- **Petit Larceny (Class A – Misdemeanor)**
- **Resisting Arrest (Class A- Misdemeanor)**

Mr. Stewart was arraigned in Sweden Town Court and remanded to the Monroe County Jail without bail.

Deputies also charged the rear passenger, Michael A. Sweet, 33, Rochester with the following charge:

Sweet, Michael A.
33 years old
Rochester, NY



Charged with:

- **Petit Larceny (Class A – Misdemeanor)**



Mr. Sweet was issued an appearance ticket for Sweden Town Court on July 10, 2019.

The original driver does not face any charges.

Monroe County Sheriff Todd K. Baxter would like to thank the MCSO deputies for their diligent police work and the Ogden Police Department for its collaboration and assistance with both arrests. We ask that you keep Lt. Schoepfel in your thoughts for a full recovery.

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