

Man who fled from deputies apprehended by Sheriff's K-9

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Caddo Sheriff's deputies arrested a man and recovered stolen property following a pursuit tonight in south Caddo, said Sheriff Steve Prator.

Just before 5 p.m., Caddo Sheriff's Communications Officers relayed information to deputies that Shreveport Police were searching for a man suspected of stealing a big screen TV from Wal-mart on Westport Avenue. Sheriff's Deputy Joshua Roppolo spotted a vehicle matching the description of the suspect's car traveling over 100 miles per hour on Woolworth Road. Roppolo attempted to stop the car but the driver continued to flee. The driver finally turned into a driveway in the 5800 block of Keithville-Springridge Road and bailed out of the vehicle, leaving a woman behind in the car. Roppolo gave chase on foot but the suspect escaped into the woods.

Meanwhile, the heat from Roppolo's patrol car ignited the grass catching the car on fire. Fire District #6 responded and extinguished the fire.

Patrol deputies established a perimeter at the scene and called for the Sheriff's K-9 Unit to search for the suspect. Cpl. Justin Dunn and K-9 Ace and Sr. Deputy Marcus Jeansonne and K-9 Chuck responded. Dunn had just started the search when deputies were notified that a man matching the suspect's description had been dropped off by a vehicle down the road. Jeansonne went to that location and spotted the man walking down the side of the road. When the suspect saw the deputy, he fled into a field. Jeansonne and Chuck chased him on foot and apprehended him in the field.

Jeansonne said he was grateful to a man in a blue SUV who stopped to help as the deputy was giving chase. The man was with his wife and children when he saw Jeansonne pursuing the suspect on foot into the field. He aided the deputy by turning on the overhead lights on the patrol vehicle so Jeansonne could be seen by other deputies and then ran into the field to help while Jeansonne was trying to apprehend the struggling suspect on his own.

The suspect was identified as Sean Michael Pearson, 43, no address available. He was treated at the scene for a dog bite and transported to Caddo Correctional Center where he was expected to be charged with illegal possession of stolen things and aggravated flight from an officer. Deputies recovered the big screen TV from his vehicle. The female who was in the car has not been charged at this time.