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WANTED PERSON ARRESTED AFTER TRAFFIC STOP/FOOT PURSUIT

CASANOVA, VA – A Thursday morning traffic stop resulted in the seizure of marijuana and capture of a wanted person after a short foot pursuit. On April 23, 2020 at approximately 8:15 a.m. a deputy operating stationary radar on Casanova Road observed a silver KIA Optima enter radar at 53 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The deputy observed a male driver as the only occupant of the vehicle.

As the deputy attempted to stop the KIA, it turned onto Weston Road and pulled into the Casanova Post Office parking lot. The driver exited the KIA. The deputy gave the driver voice commands and the driver fled on foot. After a short foot pursuit the driver stopped and began complying with the deputy’s commands.

The driver was identified as **Derek Shawn Belcher, 27, of Colonial Heights, Va.** A subsequent investigation and search of the KIA discovered marijuana. Belcher was found to be wanted out of Harrisonburg and King George County, Va.

Belcher was charged with possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, eluding, reckless driving and driving on a revoked license-DUI related. Belcher was held on a \$25,000.00 bond at the Fauquier County Adult Detention Center.



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