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CATLETT MAN CHARGED AFTER VEHICLE PURSUIT ENDS IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

CATLETT – On Saturday night, June 20, 2020, at 9:50 p.m. deputies received a lookout from Prince William County Police about a possible DUI vehicle entering Fauquier County. Prince William County Police reported attempting to stop the vehicle and it drove off. The tag on the vehicle returned to an address in Fauquier County. The vehicle was described as a white Volkswagen two door hatchback.

Fauquier County deputies canvassed the area of Rt. 28 and Dumfries Road. The vehicle was eventually observed turning off of Rt. 28/Catlett Road onto Rt. 605/Fauquier Road which turns into Dumfries Road. As deputies attempted to stop the vehicle, it drove west and east on Dumfries Road and then turned onto Greenwich Road and pulled into a driveway. As deputies pulled into the driveway behind the vehicle it backed up out of the driveway and drove through a ditch on Greenwich Road to go around a deputy’s cruiser. The vehicle turned east on Dumfries Road and then north on Catlett Road.

Deputies observed the driver of the vehicle waive a black handgun out of the window and sunroof during the pursuit. The pursuit entered Prince William County where Prince William Police took over control of the pursuit. The pursuit eventually ended and the driver was taken into custody by Prince William Police.

Joshua Darren Welsh, 24, of Catlett, Va., was charged by Fauquier County deputies with a felony for eluding, a misdemeanor for reckless driving and a misdemeanor for brandishing a firearm.

Prince William Police reported finding a black BB gun in the vehicle. Welsh was held in Prince William County on separate charges relating to the pursuit.

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