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PURSUIT ENDS IN CALHOUN COUNTY

Sheriff Mike Harrison announces the arrest of Stephen Lee Stanley (25) of Wewahitchka. On the evening of February 18, Stanley was driving a red 2006 Chevrolet pickup and refused to stop for Deputy M. Peek near the intersection of East River Road and South 2nd Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy Peek had knowledge that Stanley was wanted by the Bay County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation.

Stanley fled and was pursued south bound on State Road 71 after he nearly struck a patrol vehicle driven by Sgt. Burkett. The pursuit continued into the Dalkeith area and ultimately back onto State Road 71. Stanley led deputies into Calhoun County through Kinard and east onto County Road 392. The pursuit ended at County Road 392 and State Road 71 in Calhoun County after Deputy Peek conducted the PIT maneuver. After the PIT was conducted, Stanley accelerated and intentionally ran into Sheriff Harrison's vehicle. Deputies were able to box Stanley in and take him into custody. No one was injured during the pursuit.

Stanley was found to be in possession of Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Deputies with the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office took Stanley into custody for the drug offenses and transported him to the Calhoun County Jail. The Gulf County Sheriff's Office is charging Stanley with Fleeing and Attempting to Elude, three counts of Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer using a motor vehicle, two counts of Aggravated Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer using a motor vehicle, Reckless Driving, and numerous traffic related offenses.

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