

# EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## MEDIA RELEASE

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On Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at approximately 12:30 A.M. an Eau Claire County Deputy observed a suspicious vehicle in the 7600 block of Curvue Rd, Township of Union. As the Deputy attempted to initiate an investigative stop on the suspicious vehicle, it began to flee.

During the initial attempt at fleeing, the operator of the fleeing vehicle drove through a gated driveway into a field, destroying the cable gate. The fleeing vehicle exited the field and began to drive through residential yards adjacent to the field, before eventually driving back onto Curvue Rd. The Deputy pursued the fleeing vehicle as it traveled eastbound on Curvue Rd; reaching speeds of approximately 72 MPH. Eau Claire County Deputies were able to safely and effectively deploy tire deflation devices as a means to stop the pursuit, as the fleeing vehicle entered the City of Eau Claire on Crescent Ave. Despite having two flat tires, the vehicle operator continued to flee in the vehicle, driving on the vehicle's flat tires. The vehicle continued eastbound on Crescent Ave to Ferry St and then to Short St. While fleeing on Short St, the fleeing vehicle suddenly slowed on the Chippewa River Bridge and the operator attempted to throw a firearm from the vehicle into the Chippewa River.

Eau Claire County Deputies, assisted by the Eau Claire Police, continued to pursue the fleeing vehicle throughout the southwest side of the City of Eau Claire at speeds varying from approximately 25 MPH to 50 MPH. Near the intersection of Rudolph Rd and Webster, pursuing Deputies were able to utilize another means to end the pursuit and performed a pursuit intervention technique, commonly referred to as the P.I.T. maneuver. After performing the P.I.T. maneuver, the fleeing vehicle became disabled and the two adult female occupants were taken into custody without further incident.

The firearm that was discarded by the fleeing vehicle operator was recovered on the Short St Bridge.

Eau Claire County Sheriff's Department was assisted by the Eau Claire Police as well as the Wisconsin State Patrol. No further information related to this case is being released at this time pending further investigation.