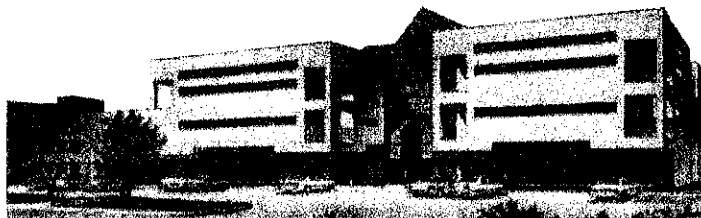




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January 12, 2022

Stolen Vehicle Pursuits

In the early morning hours of January 12, 2022, the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office was involved in two separate events with pursuits of stolen vehicles.

At 12:05 A.M., three deputies from the Sheriff's Office assisted Wisconsin State Patrol as they were pursuing a stolen vehicle out of Illinois. Wisconsin State Patrol successfully deployed tire deflation devices just prior to the Sheriff's Deputies becoming involved. Two of the assisting units were K9 handlers. Once the vehicle came to a stop, deputies assisted in taking the driver and sole occupant into custody without incident. A Sheriff's Office K9 was deployed to assist in clearing the vehicle, ensuring that no other occupants were inside. This investigation is being handled by the Wisconsin State Patrol.

At 4:17 A.M., the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department was dispatched to a theft of motor vehicle in progress. Law enforcement was advised that the caller was warming up their vehicle in the driveway when the vehicle was taken without consent. Deputies immediately began searching the area for the suspect vehicle. A deputy with the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office observed the stolen vehicle traveling Eastbound on State Highway 16, and initiated a traffic stop as the vehicle entered Eastbound I-94. The vehicle failed to pull over and a pursuit was initiated.

The City of Brookfield Police Department successfully deployed tire deflation devices in the area of Eastbound I-94 and Sunnyslope Road. The suspect vehicle continued Eastbound on I-94 to Highway 100, where the suspect vehicle struck the median wall. The two occupants of the vehicle fled on foot. Assistance was requested from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, West Allis Police Department, and the Wauwatosa Police Department to establish a perimeter. A search was initiated including two K9 groups from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office and one K9 from the West Allis Police Department. Both suspects were taken into custody in the immediate area without incident. This investigation is ongoing through the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department. Charges for fleeing/eluding will be referred to the District Attorney's Office by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office.

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The Waukesha County Sheriff's Office would like to encourage and remind citizens of the dangers in leaving your keys inside of an unattended vehicle. Although a warm vehicle is tempting on a cold Wisconsin winter day, we are strongly advising not to leave your vehicle running and unattended.



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