



News Release

January 2, 2009

Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder announced the Sheriff's Office is investigating an incident that occurred south of Greenland in Washington County.

On January 2, 2009 at 4:51 p.m., West Fork Police Department, at the request of Farmington Police Department, made a traffic stop at Super Foods Grocery Store in West Fork on a 1996, Black, Ford Explorer. The subject believed to be driving the vehicle, Jad **PERKINS**, W/M, 29 of Eureka Springs, is a suspect in a vehicle theft in Farmington and is also confirmed to have a felony warrant through the Arkansas Board of Parole for **PAROLE VIOLATION (original charge – BURGLARY by FORCED ENTRY / NON-RESIDENTIAL)** and a misdemeanor warrant from Eureka Springs Police Department for **FLEEING**.

When the West Fork officer exited his vehicle to approach the Explorer, the suspect fled down Pleasant St. and through a residential area, then turned northbound on Highway 71, traveling at a high rate of speed. West Fork pursued the vehicle toward Greenland. A Greenland police officer and a constable from Washington County District 12 were out of their vehicles attempting to lay spike strips at the intersections of Wallin Mountain Rd. (WC Rd. 32), Shaffer Rd. (WC Rd. 69) and Highway 71, when the suspect approached and made erratic movements toward the officers instead of going around them into the open lane left available. The constable fired two (2) shots from his pistol into the vehicle, but it is NOT believed the suspect was injured. The suspect then swerved and fled down Shaeffer Rd., then Lee Froud Rd. (WC Rd. 172) where he ran through a fence in the area of 705 Lee Froud and fled on foot

into a field. Washington County deputies, as well as Fayetteville Police, West Fork Police and Greenland Police are currently canvassing the area, trying to locate the suspect. There is no indication that the suspect is armed.

West Fork Police Department has charges for **FELONY - FLEEING and FELONY - POSSESSION with INTENT to DELIVER (Methamphetamine)**. Washington County Sheriff's Office has charges for **FELONY - AGGRAVATED ASSAULT**. The investigation is continuing and other charges may be forthcoming.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (479) 444-5700.

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