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DOMESTIC/ABDUCTION SUSPECT LEADS DEPUTIES ON CHASE AND CRASHES CAR

On April 10, 2024 at approximately 7:00PM, deputies were dispatched to the area of Plank Road and the Harrison Crossing shopping center where citizens witnessed a violent domestic between a male and female resulting in injuries to the female. The domestic then continued into a vehicle that went West on Plank Road towards Orange County. Witnesses relayed information to 911 dispatchers and First Sergeant Scott Northrop spotted the vehicle in the area of Plank Road and Elys Ford Road. The vehicle initially stopped in the area of the intersection but drove off at high speeds with the female screaming in the vehicle. Deputies chased the vehicle for several miles until it lost control and crashed in the area of Orange Plank Road and Brock Road. Deputies were able to rescue the female victim and take the male suspect into custody. After the suspect was taken into custody, he spat into the face of a Detective. As a result of the accident, the vehicle caught fire and was a total loss. William Alexander Chandler Jr., thirty-six-years of age of Spotsylvania was arrested and charged with assault and battery, malicious wounding, abduction by force, assault on law enforcement, felony eluding, violation of an emergency protection order, obstruction of justice by flight, obstruction of justice without force, driving suspended, and driving without insurance. Chandler was incarcerated at the Rappahannock Regional Jail under no bond.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please know there are resources in the area to assist you. The Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office like many other law enforcement agencies in the area, partner with Empowerhouse (540-373-9373) to assist victims of domestic abuse. Visit their website at www.empowerhouseva.org for more information.

Remember, your phone call or online tip can make a difference.

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