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Press Release

Sheriff Travis Duffy reports that on Saturday December 18, 2021 at approximately 6:15 PM a Dallas City Police Officer attempted to make a traffic stop on West Fifth Street in Dallas City, IL.

A dark blue 2006 BMW with Iowa registration with a white male driver fled the traffic stop. The Dallas City Officer pursued the vehicle onto Highway 9/96 and then onto Highway 9/94 toward LaHarpe, IL. The officer pulled alongside the vehicle and the driver then deliberately struck the Dallas City squad car and knocked it off the road. The officer was able to regain control and continue the pursuit.

The pursuit went through LaHarpe, IL, Terre Haute, IL, Lomax, IL, back to Dallas City, IL, to Niota, IL, then through Nauvoo, IL and down River Road (Highway 96).

Hancock County Sheriff's Office assisted with the pursuit from LaHarpe, IL on. LaHarpe Police Department assisted from LaHarpe, IL on. Lomax Police Department assisted from Lomax, IL on.

Hamilton Police Department assisted on River Road by deploying spike strips. The suspect vehicle ran over the strips and lost a tire in the 1700 block of River Road. The vehicle continued south through Hamilton, IL and then across the Hamilton/Keokuk bridge where Keokuk Police Department was there to assist. The suspect vehicle went over another set of spike strips and eventually came to a stop at Fifth and Main Streets in Keokuk, IA.

Sheriff's Deputies along with Dallas City and Hamilton Police took the suspect into custody. The suspect was identified as Jeremy R. Rourke, age 49. Of Burlington, IA.

Rourke was arrested by Iowa authorities on several outstanding warrants which were for methamphetamine and escape related charges.

Rourke was transported to the Lee County, IA Jail.

Charges regarding the pursuit in Illinois are pending. All persons arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

No current booking photo is available from our agency at this time.