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Weekend of June 29-July 1 Crime Report & Arrests

Police Pursuit Leads to Drug Find; Arrest Warrant Issued

On Friday, June 29, shortly before 12:30 p.m., the Wheeling Police Department attempted to make a traffic stop in the area of 16th and Main Streets after the driver of a vehicle committed a traffic offense.

The driver did not stop, leading police on a brief pursuit through downtown and Center Wheeling. Officers initially lost the vehicle, but shortly after discovered it in an alley behind the 2200 block of Chapline Street.

The driver of the vehicle was not found, but officers discovered a large quantity of drugs inside, including heroin and cocaine.

An arrest warrant has been issued for **Jermaine D. Smith, 25 of Detroit, Michigan**. He is facing charges of felony fleeing, and two counts of possession with intent to deliver.

Anyone with information on this individual is urged to call Wheeling Police at 304-234-3664 or submit a crime tip online at wheelingwv.gov/police.

Two People Facing Drug Charges After Verbal Dispute

Around 2:30 a.m., Saturday, June 30, officers with the Wheeling Police Department observed a verbal argument in the 1000 block of Market Street in downtown. Shortly after officers made contact with the people arguing, one individual started to act suspicious and was resisting arrest.

After searching a vehicle, and the suspects, a number of illegal drugs were found, including marijuana, cocaine, crack cocaine, a number of prescription drugs and a large amount of money. Arrested were:

Chasity Lee Beasley, 34, of Wheeling

- 2 cts. Of Possession with Intent to Deliver
- Resisting an Officer
- Disorderly Conduct

Cordale Antonio Williams, 38, of Cincinnati

- 3 cts. Of Possession with Intent to Deliver
- Resisting an Officer
- Disorderly Conduct

Early Morning Police Chase Ends with Arrest

On Sunday, July 1 around 3 a.m., Wheeling Police patrolling the East Wheeling area attempted to make a traffic stop at the intersection of 17th and Jacob Streets for a stop sign violation.

When officers attempted to make a traffic stop, the driver of the vehicle fled, driving at a high rate of speed through the area. He then got out of the car, which drifted back causing damage to a WPD cruiser. The suspect ran from the scene in the area of 15th and Jacob Streets.

Additional officers arrived on scene and chased the suspect on foot for several minutes before arresting him. While conducting a search of the scene, officers discovered illegal drugs, including cocaine.

William Lavel Mayfield, Jr., 35 of Wheeling was arrested for Felony Fleeing in a vehicle, DUI Driving revoked and Possession with Intent to Deliver narcotics. He was taken to the Northern Regional Jail in Moundsville, W.Va.

One Person Arrested on Drug Charges

This morning, Monday, July 2 around 1:40 a.m., officers patrolling Wheeling Island made a traffic stop in the 600 block of North Huron Street.

When officers pulled the vehicle over, an odor of marijuana was present, prompting the officer to search the vehicle. After searching, officers found several grams of crack cocaine on one of the occupants inside the vehicle.

Franklin Littlejohn, 29 of Steubenville, Ohio was arrested by WPD and is charged with possession with intent to deliver and possession of marijuana. He was taken to the Northern Regional Jail pending arraignment.

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