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Vehicle Pursuit Ends in Arrest

Around 7:30 p.m., Saturday, November 24, Wheeling Police officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop in the 300 block of National Road after the vehicle in question had been reported stolen from Center Wheeling earlier in the day.

Officers continued to pursue the driver of the car, who led WPD onto Interstate 70 at a high rate of speed. The pursuit then continued into the Elm Grove area, onto Stone Church Road and later into a field near where eventually the car became stuck in mud and the driver surrendered to police.

Joseph Thomas Walton, Jr., 29 of Wheeling was arrested and is charged with being a fugitive from justice (from Belmont County, Ohio), fleeing while DUI and grand larceny. After WPD booked Walton, he was transported to the Northern Regional Jail.

The Ohio and Marshall County Sheriff's Office and West Virginia State Police assisted with the chase.

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