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News Release: Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office pursuit leads to stolen vehicle arrest

On May 9, 2022 at approximately 12:45 p.m., Deputy Christopher Brooks, while operating on a Virginia DMV selective enforcement speed grant, observed a 2015 Kia sedan come through his stationary radar at 64 miles per hour in a 45 mile per hour zone on Spotsylvania Parkway in the area of Whiteheart Drive. Deputy Brooks attempted to stop the vehicle and the driver failed to pull over. The driver continued to Route 1 (Patriot Highway) northbound and then turned onto Route 17 (Mills Drive), but got caught up in the construction traffic. Once the vehicle approached the intersection of Mills Drive and Spotsylvania Parkway, it took off at a high rate of speed towards Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center. A pursuit was initiated and continued onto the hospital campus. At one point, the vehicle lost control and ran off the road, continuing until deputies performed a rolling road block, stopping the vehicle on the west side of the hospital. During the investigation, deputies learned that the vehicle was stolen earlier from Albemarle County.

The driver was identified as Melanie Renee Aragon, a 25-year-old female of Gordonsville, VA, who was arrested for felony eluding, speeding, driving while suspended, and possession of a stolen vehicle. Ms. Aragon was held under no bond at the Rappahannock Regional Jail.

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