



HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE

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On Saturday, July 28, 2018 at approximately 2:40 PM, Bedminster Township Police attempted to stop a white Ford Explorer for a motor vehicle violation on Route 313 which fled from officers.

A short time later, Hilltown Township Police spotted a vehicle on southbound Callowhill Road approaching Route 113 that matched the description of the vehicle that fled from the Bedminster Officers. Hilltown Officers observed the vehicle approach the traffic signal at Route 113, drive in the opposing traffic lane around vehicles stopped for the red traffic signal, proceed through the red signal, and then make a right turn onto southbound Route 113. The vehicle then attempted to pass other southbound traffic in the opposing lane when it struck a northbound vehicle head-on. The driver of the Explorer immediately fled the scene on foot. The driver and passenger of the other vehicle, a Ford Transit, were transported to St. Luke's Hospital in Quakertown for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

Responding Officers established a perimeter and tracked the suspect using a K-9 unit and sightings of the suspect by passing motorists and residents. The suspect was taken into custody over an hour later and several miles from the crash scene by a Trooper of the PA State Police after a foot pursuit in the Pleasant Meadows section of the Township.

The suspect, identified as Antonio Ralph Bell, 36, from the 100 block of Campbell Circle, Downingtown, PA, was arraigned by District Magistrate Regina Armitage on charges of Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Officer and Accidents Involving Death or Injury Not Properly Licensed. He was remanded to the Bucks County Correctional Facility in lieu of posting 10% of his \$300,000.00 bail. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are pending.

Hilltown Police were assisted by Police from Bedminster Township, Dublin Borough, Perkasié Borough, Pennridge Regional, Quakertown Borough, Richland Township, Pennsylvania State Police, and a K-9 unit from Montgomery Township Police. In addition, Police were assisted by Chal-Brit Regional EMS, Silverdale Fire Department, and the Bucks County District Attorney's Office.

Route 113 between Callowhill Road and Telegraph Road was closed for approximately 5 hours while the investigation was completed.