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Gurnee K9 Locates Suspect Who Fled on Foot After Causing Multiple Traffic Crashes

Gurnee – At 4:30 pm on April 23, 2023, Gurnee Officers responded to Route 41 & Grand Avenue for a traffic accident. The offending vehicle, a Chevy Blazer, fled the scene northbound on Route 41. Several witnesses observed the vehicle near 1600 N. Delany Road after the Blazer crashed through a gate at a nearby apartment complex. A white male was seen running from the car but was no longer in sight.

Officer Yencich and his partner, K9 Leo, arrived to assist with tracking and locating the suspect. K9 Leo tracked the suspect to a nearby business, where officers discovered a crane truck was stolen and had been used to break the security gate at the entrance to the business parking lot. The suspect was no longer at the location.

At 5:10 pm, Gurnee Officers responded to the 2500 block of Bayswater Circle for reports of a naked white male attempting to break into houses. The description of the male matched the description of the suspect who fled the previous crash scenes. Witnesses in the area advised the male had attempted to break into their homes and was last seen walking south through the neighborhood. Officer Yencich and K9 Leo began a track in the area and located the naked male in a wooded area. The male, Robert C Daniels, of Great Lakes, IL, willingly surrendered to police and was taken into custody.

Officers later learned Daniels had rolled the stolen crane near Hanssen Road and Route 41 before running into the neighborhood. Daniels was transported to the hospital for an evaluation. No injuries were reported.

A warrant was issued for Daniels for the following charges:

Theft (Class 1)

Burglary (Class 2)

Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Vehicle (Class 2)

Criminal Damage to Property (Class 4)

Additional traffic citations were issued to Daniels for the accidents, including:

Leaving the scene of an accident

Failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident

Improperly turn

Disobeying a traffic control device

Failure to report an accident to the police

Failure to give information at a crash scene

Reckless driving

Uninsured motor vehicle