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**Suspect arrested for numerous charges after he stole a vehicle and fled from law enforcement**

Seminole Co. – (February 24, 2017) – On Thursday, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) arrested Christopher McHaffie, 40, of Orlando, after he stole a vehicle and fled from law enforcement. McHaffie was charged with Burglary, Grand Theft, Grand Theft Auto, Driving with a Suspended License or Revoked, Destroying Evidence, Fleeing and Eluding, and Reckless Driving.

The incident began yesterday at approximately 1:33 p.m., when SCSO deputies received a notification from the Orange County Sheriff's Office that a maroon Dodge Magnum, stolen from their jurisdiction, was possibly travelling on I-4 and heading into Seminole County. A SCSO deputy in an unmarked patrol car observed the suspect vehicle near I-4 and Lake Mary Boulevard and maintained visual of it as it travelled east towards Volusia County. The SCSO Alert helicopter responded and witnessed the suspect, later identified as Christopher McHaffie, driving erratically, making several turns and entering and exiting Interstate 4. In total disregard for the safety of other drivers, McHaffie intentionally crossed the median driving recklessly into oncoming traffic and continued at speeds of nearly 100 miles per hour. Deputies deployed stop sticks near westbound I-4 and Central Florida Parkway in Altamonte Springs, successfully deflating the tires of the stolen vehicle and eventually bring it to a stop.

Deputies surrounded the vehicle and gave verbal commands for McHaffie to surrender. However, McHaffie refused to comply and instead reached into the center console of the vehicle, leading deputies to believe he could be armed with a weapon. Deputies then observed McHaffie ingest a large quantity of unknown pills. Fearing he may have overdosed, deputies quickly broke the windows of the vehicle to gain entry and provide medical assistance. McHaffie continued to resist, forcing deputies to utilize a Taser and beanbag shotgun to gain control and remove him from the vehicle.

Once out of the vehicle, McHaffie began to exhibit signs of an overdose. Deputies immediately administered [Narcan®](#) - a nasal spray that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. McHaffie was stabilized and transported to a local hospital for medical treatment. Once cleared by medical staff, he will be booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility on a \$38,000 bond.

The unedited SCSO Alert helicopter video of the incident can be obtained [here](#).

McHaffie is Prolific Offender with an arrest history in Seminole County that includes charges of Resisting Arrest, Possession of Cocaine and Drug Paraphernalia, Grand Theft Auto, Larceny, DWLSR, Fraud, and Violation of Probation.

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Christopher McHaffie  
2015 booking photo