

Chase leads to speeds over 100 mph

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WINDSOR – A chase last week saw a car reach speeds of more than 115 miles per hour.

The result was Windsor Police officers charging an Aulander man with multiple counts including child abuse.

Windsor Police Cpl. Jason Thomas met a vehicle at approximately 8:20 p.m. June 13 traveling with the front

bumper dragging on the ground.

Cpl. Thomas activated lights and sirens because of the equipment violation, but the driver of the vehicle turned down Water Street toward U.S. 13/17. At that time, dispatch was alerted to the chase.

The driver of the vehicle turned right onto US 13/17 and accelerated in excess of 100 miles per hour before turning onto Governors Road headed toward Lewis-

ton Woodville.

Cpl. Thomas reported the vehicle reached a speed of 118 miles per hour before making a right turn onto School Rd. The driver turned left onto Republican Road.

Windsor Police Officer Chris Leggett then took the lead in the chase, which continued down Republican Road until turning left on Mount Olive Road, then returning to Governors Road by turning right.

The driver then reportedly

attempted to pass a vehicle traveling toward Lewiston Woodville while approaching Francis Mill Road, but a deputy was stopped on one lane of Governors Road.

The vehicle ran off the road to the left, came back and ran off on the right side before overturning in a field.

Cpl. Thomas, officer Leggett and Bertie County Sheriff's Sgt. Travis Askew approached the car and removed the four occupants, two of whom were children.

Three of the occupants were transported to Vidant Bertie Hospital, but no injuries were reported.

James Edward Davis Jr., 27, of Harmon Street in Aulander was charged with felony fleeing to elude arrest, misdemeanor child abuse and speeding.

Davis was confined to the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail in lieu of a \$10,000 secured bond. He made his first appearance in Bertie County District Court June 14.

Teen killed in Bertie County wreck

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LEWISTON WOODVILLE – A 16-year-old, reportedly driving a stolen car, died and four others were injured near here June 15 in a two-vehicle crash on NC 11.

Erica Danielle Dawson of Kinston was killed when the 1998 Oldsmobile passenger car she was operating was struck by a fully loaded

log truck 2.4 miles north of Lewiston Woodville near the intersection of Moore Road (RP 1203).

The Oldsmobile, registered to Trinetta Boone Langley of Rocky Mount, was reported stolen in Greenville on June 13.

According to a report filed by North Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper J.C. Copeland, Dawson was behind the wheel of the Oldsmo-

bile at around 9:14 a.m. on Thursday.

That vehicle was northbound on NC 11 at which time it was attempting to pass another vehicle traveling north.

Meanwhile, a commercial 18-wheeler owned by H&L Logging of Plymouth was southbound on NC 11. The driver of that rig – Michael Ray Baggett, 48, of Jamesville – attempted to avoid a

head-on crash and veered to the right, according to Copeland's report.

The car and the log truck sideswiped each other, both on the driver's side. The log truck ran off the road to the right, where it flipped over on its side, spilling logs into the ditch. The Oldsmobile came to a halt in the middle of the road.

Three teenage passengers in the Oldsmobile – Gabriel

Suggs, 17, of Grifton, Marquez Lewis, 19, of Kinston, and Daveyontae Miller, 15, of Kinston – were injured, as was Baggett.

The extent of their injuries is not known.

The fatality was the ninth of 2017 in the Highway Patrol's Troop A / District II area (Bertie, Gates and Hertford counties). Four of those have occurred in Bertie County.

Summer Hunger campaign launched

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ELIZABETH CITY - The End* Summer Hunger Campaign continues through June 30.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle's 2017 Summer Hunger campaign unites the community by helping feed children in the 15-county service area including Bertie County.

The end of the school year brings excitement for most children. It is a time to enjoy warmer weather, spend time with family and play outside.

For the families that rely on free and reduced lunch programs throughout the school year, however, the end of the year means the end of regular nutritious meals.

During the summer months, children of low-income families no

longer have access to the free and reduced meals offered by the schools.

According to The Food Bank of the Albemarle Communication and Volunteer Manager Brian Gray, this summer interlude means 24 percent of local children, 15,500 throughout northeast North Carolina, is the hungriest time of the year.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle is taking action and working to ensure all children in the 15 counties, including Bertie County, do not have to worry about hunger this summer.

In May, the food bank launched the 2nd Annual End Summer Hunger Campaign: School's Out, Hunger's Not. The campaign will continue through June 30.

The goal of the campaign is to raise hunger awareness and financial

support to help feed every hungry child in the community, all summer long.

All support is welcome, and monetary gifts will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$6,000 thanks to the generous contributions of several sustaining Food Bank of the Albemarle partners.

"This time last year, our hope was this campaign would raise enough new dollars to be able to serve over 52,000 healthy meals and snacks throughout the summer of 2016. We actually raised enough funds to provide over 108,000 meals," said Executive Director of the Food Bank of the Albemarle Liz Reasoner.

"Focused on reducing the stress on our hunger-relief partners and the families we serve, our goal this year is to raise an ad-

ditional \$18,500 which will translate into over 77,000 meals and snacks throughout the summer," she added.

Community involvement in the End the Summer campaign is critical to its success.

To engage in the fight against hunger, whether as an individual, family, church, or busi-

ness, contact Carolyn Anderson at 252-335-4035, ext. 111 and learn more ways to help.

The 2017 End Summer Hunger sponsorship partners include several sustaining food bank partners, The Daily Advance and Cooke Communications.

The mission of the food bank is to stop

hunger and poverty in the 15-county service area in northeast North Carolina.

It is a regional clearinghouse for the collection and distribution of food and grocery items to over 145 non-profit and faith-based organizations for their food programs.

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