



*** Wyoming Police Department/Chisago County Sheriff's Office Joint Press Release ***

July 11, 2022 @ 1:22 PM (Updated at 3:00 PM)

On July 11, 2022, at 10:48 AM, a call was received for a shoplifting that had occurred at the Cartfull retail store (5630 St. Croix Trail, North Branch). A loss prevention employee from Cartfull had obtained a license plate and vehicle description for the suspect(s) and provided that information to the Chisago County dispatch center.

Chisago County dispatch advised that the suspect vehicle was reported to be stolen out of Washington County. At 10:58 AM, a Wyoming police officer located the suspect vehicle on southbound I35 which then exited to East Viking Blvd. The suspect vehicle turned westbound on East Viking Blvd and continued into Anoka County. The Wyoming officer followed the suspect vehicle and waited for a Chisago County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputy to initiate a traffic stop.

At 11:01 AM, a traffic stop was conducted and the suspects fled westbound on East Viking Blvd. At 11:02 AM, the suspect vehicle passed another vehicle near the Linwood Country Store and Pizza (21831 Viking Blvd NE). The suspect crossed a double yellow line on a curve and ultimately struck a passenger car travelling eastbound.

Immediately after the crash, both involved vehicles started on fire. The Wyoming officer and CCSO deputy extinguished the fires and rendered medical aid to the victim and suspects involved in the crash.

Both suspects were transported via Lifelink III helicopters to local trauma centers with critical injuries. The victim was transported via M Health ambulance for non-life-threatening injuries.

Minnesota State Patrol and Anoka County Sheriff's Office are conducting the crash investigation.

No further information is available at this time.

3:00 PM Update:

We have learned that the passenger in the suspect vehicle has died as a result of injuries sustained from the crash. In addition, a dog that was in the victim's vehicle died in the crash. Names of those involved will be released at a later date pending notifications.

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