Pursuit Leads to Theft Apprehension- Ocean View

Ocean View- The Delaware State Police have apprehended 30-year-old **Bryan Denegal** of Dover, DE after he stole items from several vehicles and led police in pursuit.

The incident occurred on February 3, 2020 at approximately 10:59 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 30000 block of Teal Court, Ocean View, for a report of a theft in progress. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with a victim who advised he witnessed a suspect, Bryan Denegal, enter his vehicle and proceed to take items. The victim approached Denegal, when Denegal took off running towards his vehicle, a 2007 black Chevy Cobalt.

A black Chevy Cobalt was observed driving westbound on Waterway Drive, with the driver matching the description of the suspect (Denegal). A traffic stop was initiated when Denegal failed to stop and continued to flee, traveling at a high rate of speed and committing multiple traffic violations. Denegal continued onto Island Drive, where he drove onto the front yard of a residence and almost struck a 53-year-old male resident who was outside. Denegal continued to flee and struck a concrete fence pole and then proceeded to drive onto the front yard of a residence on Teal Court, causing minor damage to the yard. While still continuing to flee, Denegal struck a mailbox on Marlington Road. Denegal continued traveling south on Cedar Neck Road at speeds exceeding the posted speed limit, when he lost control of the vehicle and collided with a telephone pole and a tree. Denegal was not properly restrained and was ejected from the vehicle.

Upon contact with Denegal, the Trooper observed a strong odor of alcohol. Denegal was transported to the Beebe Medical

Center with non-life threatening injuries.

A search of Denegal's vehicle was conducted and multiple stolen items from vehicles in the area were recovered.

Upon Denegal's release from the hospital, he will be charged with the following:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Reckless Endanger First Degree
- Reckless Endangering Second Degree
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal
- Theft (4 counts)
- Leaving the Scene of Property Collision Accident (4 counts)
- Criminal Mischief
- Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence
- Multiple traffic related offenses

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a **toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.**

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