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## PRESS RELEASE

### Vehicle Pursuit

On October 02, 2021, at approximately 12:15 PM, the Oldham County Police Department received a report of a vehicle collision on Ky 146 and the I-71 N/B exit ramp. According to witnesses, a Grey 2015 Ford Fusion operated by Jarmaine Thornton (D.O.B. 08/08/1985) of Bedford, IN, ran a red light and struck a 2021 Volkswagon operated by James Cook of Prospect, KY. The 2015 Fusion was later determined to have been stolen from St. Matthews, KY. After the collision, Jarmaine Thornton attempted to take Mr. Cook's vehicle by force. Mr. Cook's three young children were inside the car. Mr. Cook struggled with Jarmaine Thornton, ultimately utilizing a headlock to prevent the theft of his vehicle. A second witness then intervened to assist Mr. Cook. Jermain Thornton fled westbound on KY 146 on foot.

Upon reaching the 5300 block of KY, Thornton stole a white 2017 GMC Sierra pickup and a trailer parked at the business while the vehicle owner was cutting grass. The truck was last seen heading west on KY 146 towards Crestwood. When officers arrived at the scene of the collision and the vehicle theft, they were able to obtain a description of both Thornton and the stolen truck. The truck was seen by officers from Oldham County Police and a Deputy with the Oldham County Sheriffs Office. When the officers tried to stop Thornton, he fled from KY 146 onto KY 329 bypass and E/B KY 22. An officer from Oldham County Police was able to deploy stop sticks in Ballardsville, flattening one truck tire. The officer later attempted a vehicle intervention on KY 22 near the Oldham/ Henry County line but was unsuccessful. A Trooper from the K.Y. State Police responded to assist the Oldham County units. The Trooper was successful in conducting a P.I.T. maneuver on Smithfield Lane, ending the pursuit.

Oldham County Police arrested Jermaine Thornton and booked him into the Oldham County Detention Center on charges of: Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Fleeing or Evading 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> degree (attempted), Kidnapping a Minor (attempted), TBUT Auto, Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup>, Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Police Officer, Criminal Mischief 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Receiving Stole Property \$10,000 or more.

Please contact the Oldham County Police Department at (502) 222-1300 if you have any information about this incident.

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