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Suspicious Vehicle Leads to Three Arrests

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – An astute Sheriff's Office deputy, Sgt. Jeremy Nash, spotted a vehicle on the afternoon of September 20, 2016 at a gas station on Willow Avenue that matched the description of a BOLO (Be On The Lookout). Sgt. Nash pulled up and tried to talk the driver who immediately jumped out of the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot. Sgt. Nash pursued the suspect, who was later identified as John Travis Perry who was wanted on outstanding federal warrants. Nash engaged his Taser to stop the fleeing subject. The Taser malfunctioned and a physical altercation took place as Sgt. Nash tried to prevent Perry from re-entering the vehicle. At this point, one of the passengers (David Hammons) had gotten into the driver's seat of the vehicle and was aggressively driving toward Sgt. Nash as he tried to apprehend Perry. Perry was able to get into the front passenger seat and the vehicle fled the scene.

A short time later, law enforcement officials found the vehicle abandoned in a warehouse area south of I-40 off of Willow Avenue. Sheriff's K9 Deputy Caleb Meadows, Sgt. Nash and other deputies as well as Cookeville police officers were able to track the subjects down and the following arrests were made:

John Travis Perry – evading arrest, resisting arrest and criminal impersonation. He was booked into Putnam County Jail on a bond of \$13,000;

David Hammons – aggravated assault and evading arrest. He was booked into Putnam County Jail on a bond of \$60,000;

Rachel Sircy – filing a false report. She was booked into Putnam County Jail on a bond of \$5,000.

"I am extremely proud of the work that our deputies did yesterday in identifying, tracking and apprehending these subjects," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "This is an excellent example of diligent and dedicated law enforcement officials working together to keep our community safe."

This incident is an ongoing investigation. If anyone has information on this investigation, please contact the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at 931-528-8484.

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