



Tupelo Police Department

Press Release

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01-20-2023

Wanted Suspect Charged with Felony After Pursuit and Vehicle Crash

On 01-12-23 at approximately 12:15 pm a Tupelo Patrol Officer noticed a black Nissan Altima driving south on South Green near Cliff Gookin in a reckless manner. The Altima was speeding and pulling into oncoming north bound traffic. Officers lost sight of the Altima in the area of South Green and South Gloster.

Just moments later the officer re-located the Altima turning west onto Cliff Gookin from Gloster and attempted to stop it. The Altima stopped momentarily in the turn lane but then rapidly accelerated west on Cliff Gookin where it collided with an east bound SUV.

Officers began rendering aid to the occupants of both vehicles.

The adult driver of the red SUV was transported to NMMC ER for treatment of reported non-life-threatening injuries.

The passenger in the Altima was transported to NMMC ER in reported serious but stable condition.

The driver of the Nissan Altima was transported to NMMC ER in reported serious but stable condition. The driver, William Shumpert (20y/o male, Tupelo) had a felony warrant issued in July 2022 for a shooting into a vehicle charge that stemmed from a November 2020 incident. A warrant was also issued for Felony Fleeing related to the 01-12-2023 incident.

On 01-19-2023 Shumpert was arrested on both felonies after being discharged from medical treatment. On 01-20-2023 Tupelo Municipal Court Judge Weir ordered him held without bond. The additional charges will be presented to the Lee County Grand Jury.

