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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Deputy Injured During Pursuit of Armed Robbery Suspect

A Flagler County Sheriff's deputy is recovering today after an armed robbery suspect fled from deputies and crashed into the deputy's patrol vehicle.

A 9-1-1 call was received from the Palm Coast Taco Bell restaurant around 12:48 a.m. on Wednesday reporting that an attempted robbery. The cashier told deputies that a white male in a blue four-door vehicle drove to the drive-through window and passed a note that read "be quiet and hand me the money. I have a gun." Deputies searched the area and located a vehicle matching that description in the McDonalds parking on Old Kings Road, which fled at the sight of law enforcement.

Deputies pursued the vehicle on Interstate 95 South into Volusia County where the vehicle exited onto US1 and crashed into Deputy Craig Rossi's patrol car at US1 and Nova Road. Deputy Rossi's airbags deployed and he suffered a forearm and chest injury. Deputy Rossi was transported to Halifax Hospital in Daytona Beach where he was treated and released. He is now home recovering.



Deputy Rossi's patrol car after the hit and run crash.

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Stop sticks were used to stop the suspect's vehicle near the area of a Walmart in Ormond Beach. The driver, Jason Klokow, DOB 11/2/1980, was arrested for robbery with a deadly weapon, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and two counts of fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement. A passenger who fled from the vehicle, Christopher McMillian, DOB 5/22/1989, was located near the back of Walmart by a Flagler County Sheriff's deputy and a Holly Hill Police Officer and taken into custody. McMillian was arrested for fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement and accessory after the fact. McMillian also had an active Daytona Beach warrant for failure to pay child support.

"We're grateful for the assistance of the surrounding agencies in helping us take these two dangerous dirtbags into custody before they seriously hurt someone," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Our deputies did an outstanding job apprehending these two armed robbers. Deputy Rossi is going to be okay and back out fighting crime before we know it. Two more beds are filled at the Green Roof Inn."



Booking photos of Klokow, left, and McMillian, right, from the Volusia County Jail's website.

Klokow and McMillian are currently being held in the Volusia County Jail and will be transferred to the Flagler County Detention Facility. Both subjects have prior arrest histories in Volusia County, but this is their first arrests for Flagler County.

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