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An overnight pursuit of a wanted fugitive injures three deputies, causes damage to a Tishomingo Police patrol car, disabling it along with a Johnston County patrol car.

Deputy Joey Schanz witnessed a vehicle leaving a high traffic drug area, who committed a traffic offense at which time Deputy Schanz attempted to pull the vehicle over. The driver refused, leading Deputies to pursuit on the north side of Tishomingo.

At one point, the suspect took his vehicle and struck Tishomingo Officer Jonah Wise's patrol unit. Luckily Officer Wise was not injured.

Deputies continued pursuing the vehicle, traveling north-bound on Hwy 377. During the pursuit, the suspect was driving erratically; driving in the wrong lane and suddenly slamming on his breaks, attempting to have deputies hit him.

Approximately three miles north of Tishomingo, the driver exited the roadway, striking a locked gate and driving into a pasture. The suspect attempted to drive back onto the roadway. This was a no-go!! Deputy Ty Richeson performed a tactical vehicle intervention

(TVI) maneuver. This caused the suspect vehicle to roll to its side and prevented this deadly situation to get back on the roadway, endangering lives of innocent citizens.

The suspect, Mark Crawley refused to exit the vehicle, which forced deputies to bust out his windshield and having to fight Crowley to remove him from the vehicle and place him in handcuffs.

This resulted in minor injuries to three of our deputies.

Not only does Crawley have active warrants but based on our preliminary investigation and evidence at the scene, we believed Crawley was extremely intoxicated on methamphetamine.

This no-count, outlaw is a career criminal with a violent past and by all counts should be in prison and not in our community, putting our citizens in danger.

We are thankful there were no serious injuries and this sorry, ne'er-do-well is where he belongs, back behind bars.

Crawley was treated and released by Johnston County EMS, at the scene.

The following are Crawleys charges;

- 1- Three counts of assault and battery on a peace officer with dangerous weapon
- 2- Felony eluding
- 3- Possession of Methamphetamine
- 4- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- 5- DUI-D (Methamphetamine)
- 6- Malicious injury to property
- 7- obstruction of peace officers
- 8- resisting arrest

Oklahoma Highway Patrol and Chickasaw Lighthorse Police also assisted in this dangerous pursuit. Trooper Colby Murray will be working the intentional ramming to the Tishomingo Patrol Car.

“Our deputies and other Law Enforcement did a fantastic job in bringing this potential deadly situation to an end. Their teamwork ensured that another meth-crazed, mad-man is off our streets and out of our communities. They put their lives on the line every time they go to work. I’m internally grateful for the work they do.

Also, we would not be successful without the support of our 911 communication operators who remain calm during these grave situations, providing us with the needed support.”

-Sheriff Gary Dodd