

Johnston County Oklahoma Sheriff's Office

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This is a long post, but it's been a busy and crazy weekend, again 😞

Two more pursuits this weekend and another Deputy Injured. When is it going slowdown or stop? answer= No time soon. Thanks to the weak politicians, soft on crime policies, and quite a few activist prosecutors and judges. We have seen several politicians, prosecutors and judges across this Country become weak against criminals and the pursuit of justices. They have completely forgotten about victims and the law enforcement officers out here risking their lives.

Earlier Friday morning Deputies conducted a traffic on State Highway 48 south of Wapanucka, Oklahoma within the Choctaw Nation. From that traffic stop Deputies arrested a wanted fugitive, which had multiple warrants. The suspect was Native American and Deputy Joey Schanz transported him to the Atoka County Jail. As stated above this part of the County is within the Choctaw Nation and Atoka County is the closest contracted jail for the Choctaw Nation.

After finishing this arrest and leaving the jail, Deputy Schanz stopped at the Choctaw Travel Plaza in Atoka to refuel and get something to drink. Upon leaving the Travel Plaza Deputy Schanz recognized a wanted fugitive, Brandon Dean Hummel. Hummel is a wanted fugitive with warrants out of Johnston, Atoka and Bryan Counties. Hummel also has warrants out the the Choctaw Nation and the State of Texas. Upon recognizing Hummel, Deputy Schanz confronted Hummel and attempted to arrest the fugitive. A physical altercation took place in the parking lot where Hummel resisted arrest and assault the Deputy.

A foot pursuit ensued around the Travel Plaza where Hummel jumped into and stole a white Chevy pickup truck. Choctaw Tribal Police attempted to block Hummel's escape and commands were given at gun point for Hummel to exit the truck. Fugitive Hummel placed the truck into reverse cutting his wheels to the right, purposely striking a Choctaw Tribal Officers unit. Hummel then fled through the parking lot at a high rate of speed with no regard for law enforcement or other citizens.

Hummel exited the Travel Plaza parking lot onto US 69 and then west onto State Highway 7. Hummel led Choctaw Tribal Police, Atoka Police, Atoka County Deputies and Johnston County Deputy Schanz on a very dangerous pursuit southwest of Atoka. Hummel eluded law enforcement in a field east of Boggy Creek and south of Highway 7. Deputy Schanz's patrol unit became stuck in a large mud hole and Hummel continued to flee to the northwest.

Other Atoka and Johnston County Units arrived include Sheriff Tony Head and Sheriff Gary Dodd. Sheriff Head and one of his Deputy's using a UTV side-by-side located the stolen truck next to Boggy Creek. The truck appeared to be completely totaled and Hummel had fled on

foot. Atoka County Deputies, Johnston County Deputies and Choctaw Tribal Police canvassed the area until day break, but were unable to locate the fugitive. Choctaw Tribal Police, Atoka County Sheriff's Office and Johnston County Deputy Schanz will be submitting new charges to the Choctaw Tribal Prosecutors Office for the multiple felonies and other crimes committed during this ordeal.

As we have stated before, all of our Deputies and the Sheriff are commissioned Police Officers with both the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nation. We also hold Commissions as Federal Police Officers with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. With that said the assault and battery upon Deputy Schanz and the Choctaw Tribal Officer should be picked up by the federal government. However, we are not going to hold our breath, as the Eastern District U.S. Attorneys Office has shown no interest in prosecuting criminals, which assault law enforcement in Indian Country. They have told us if we aren't injured to the point of being hospitalized or killed their caseload is too heavy to look at these cases right now. They have helped to create an atmosphere of lawlessness and an open season to assault law enforcement in Indian Country.

The Eastern District of Oklahoma U.S. Attorneys Office has already set precedent that Natives can assault law enforcement officers and they will not prosecute. They have also set a precedent that NON-Natives can assault Native law enforcement officers and they will not prosecute. We pray the Choctaw Nation takes this matter seriously and when we catch this reckless outlaw, he is sentenced to the full extent of the law which is allowed.

Pursuit number two for the weekend:

On Saturday night Deputy Justin Murray was working the Wapanucka area. Deputy Murray noticed a white Mercedes Benz traveling south on State Highway 48 with defective headlights. Deputy Murray conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle on SH 48 in front of the Wapanucka school.

Upon Deputy Murray approaching the car, the vehicle lunged forward and the driver was making overt movements in the area between the driver's seat and center console area. Deputy Murray fearing the driver was attempting to retrieve a weapon and/or flee, upholstered his sidearm and gave verbal commands to the driver to put the car in park and show him his hands.

The suspect driver then fled the traffic stop at a high rate of speed, south on SH 48 towards Bryan County and Durant. Deputy Murray began pursuing the suspect and was shortly joined by Deputies Joey Schanz and Tiffany Dease. The pursuit reached speeds over 80mph, with the driver passing several motorists, driving in the opposite lane of traveling and forcing vehicles off the roadway.

Johnston County Sheriff's Emergency Communications Center contacted the Durant Comm Center and Oklahoma Highway Patrol Troop E Headquarters in Durant. The pursuit continued south on SH 48 going through the community of Coleman and entering into Atoka County and then Bryan County. A Bryan County Deputy and Choctaw Tribal Officer joined the pursuit on SH 48 at Nails Crossing.

The Pursuit continued south for several more miles to the Blue River bridge. Durant Police and OHP had stop sticks setup at this location to try and bring this pursuit to an end. The suspect seen the stop sticks and attempted to turn around and flee back north. The driver was quickly blocked in, removed from the car and arrested.

The vehicle smelt of marijuana and a search of the car yielded an unknown amount of marijuana, a larger amount of cash and several firearms. The suspect Alex Rios of Brownsville, Texas is a convicted felon, he told Deputies he was coming from Tulsa and heading to Houston. The loaded pistol was in the same area Deputy Murray seen Rio's making overt movements and feared he was possibly trying to retrieve a weapon.

A search of Rio's shows a criminal history of guns, drugs, eluding, resisting and smuggling of illegals into our Country.

Sheriff Gary W. Dodd

The following are excerpts from body camera, dash camera and photos from the two pursuits. Some of y'all think it's Mayberry around here. Hate to break It to you, Mayberry doesn't exist...