



“Arrest with multiple charges after suspect flees traffic stop”

Sykesville, Carroll County, Maryland; April 7, 2026 ---- On April 6th, 2026, at approximately 6:57 PM, a Carroll County Sheriff's Office Deputy was travelling Eastbound on Liberty Road in the area of South Carroll High School when he observed a white Nissan Altima being driven Westbound and passing another vehicle on the shoulder.

The Deputy turned his marked Carroll County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle around and attempted a traffic stop on Liberty Road in the area of Woodbine Road. The driver of the Nissan failed to stop, increasing speed and passing multiple other vehicles. The driver of the Nissan ignored the red traffic light at the intersection of Liberty Road and Ridge Road, turning right and continuing North on Ridge Road.

The driver of the Nissan then turned into a driveway in the 3200 block of Ridge Road in an attempt to hide from the Deputy. The Deputy positioned his patrol vehicle at the end of the driveway and the driver reversed at a high rate of speed towards the Deputy's vehicle. The Deputy was able to move his vehicle out of the path and was able to get a clear view of the driver and passenger.

The driver of the Nissan continued North on Ridge Road. The suspect suddenly stopped the Nissan, and the female passenger attempted to exit the vehicle. She fell as she exited the vehicle, and the rear tire of the Nissan ran over her leg as the driver continued to flee Northbound. The Deputy stopped to check on the injured passenger, who was identified as the registered owner of Nissan, and requested medics from the Carroll County Department of Fire and EMS. She was transported to Carroll Hospital for further care. The driver was identified as George Philip Charles O'Connor, a 35-year-old male with a Frederick County address.

A Trooper from the Maryland State Police located the Nissan in the 3500 block of Baker Road, Westminster. The Trooper observed the suspect entering a red Ford F-150, and as the Trooper approached, the suspect fled the scene. The investigation revealed that O'Connor entered the home on Baker Road without the permission of the homeowner, took the keys to the Ford F-150, and stole the vehicle from the driveway.

Deputies then located the Ford F-150 travelling Northbound on Ridge Road in the area of Dennings Road and the pursuit resumed. O'Connor continued driving erratically. He eventually

stopped and attempted to flee on foot. As Deputies arrived on the scene, O'Connor got back into the Ford F-150 and fled the scene. Deputies lost sight of the vehicle and discontinued the pursuit. Deputies then obtained an arrest warrant for O'Connor.

A short time later, a citizen contacted the Emergency Communication Center to report a subject in the area of the 3100 block of Cardinal Road who had parked a red Ford F-150 in a driveway. Deputies responded and were informed that O'Connor had received a ride to his residence in Frederick County. The owners of the Ford F-150 were contacted to recover the vehicle.

A search warrant was obtained for the Walkersville, Frederick County address. With the assistance of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, the Carroll County Crisis Response Team and Crisis Negotiations Team responded to the residence to serve the warrant. O'Connor was located at approximately 2:11 AM and taken into custody.

O'Connor was transported to Carroll County Central Booking and served the warrant charging him with:

- Burglary, 1st Degree
- Assault, 2nd Degree, two charges
- Theft
- Motor Vehicle, Unlawful Taking
- Unauthorized Removal of Motor Vehicle
- Burglary, 4th Degree
- Rouge and Vagabond
- Multiple traffic citations

(All individuals are presumed innocent of the pending charges until proven guilty in a court of law)

O'Connor currently remains in custody at the Carroll County Detention Center awaiting a bail review hearing, which is scheduled for April 8th.