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STATE POLICE PURSUIT ENDS IN ARREST IN Rhode Island

Today 12/20/04 shortly after 9:30 a.m. a Ledyard Police Officer was on patrol traveling northbound on Rt. 117. The Officer observed a van traveling southbound that crossed into the northbound lane forcing the Officer off the road. The Officer broadcast a description of the van to surrounding police agencies. A short time later a Groton Town Police Officer observed the van attempted to make a stop and observed the van enter I-95 northbound..

A Connecticut State Trooper was outside his cruiser northbound near exit #91 when he observed the northbound van. The driver of the van drove the vehicle at the Connecticut State Trooper who took cover then initiated a pursuit to attempt to stop the van. The operator of the van rammed the Connecticut State Troopers cruiser in the area of Exit #1 in Rhode Island causing minor damage and no injury.

Rhode Island State Police were advised of the pursuit and were in position to intercept the northbound fleeing van in their state. Stop sticks were deployed by Rhode Island State Police disabling the fleeing van. The operator slowed to a stop onto Rt. 138 east in Rhode Island. The operator fled on foot. He was pursued by Rhode Island Troopers on foot for over a mile and was taken into custody by Rhode Island State Police. The accused was transported to Rhode Island State Police Hope Valley Barracks. He was charged with numerous criminal and motor vehicle charges in Rhode Island. He will be arraigned in Rhode Island court and held for the State of Connecticut on the outstanding charges and warrants

The accused in custody in Rhode Island is identified as KENNETH ELOYSIUS dob:4/19/53 of no certain address.

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