

# **FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

*Cumming, Georgia*



## **STOLEN CAR PURSUIT ENDS IN FATALITY**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

On July 1st, 2017 shortly after 10pm, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call that a vehicle had just been stolen from the Shell Gas station on Buford Hwy near Samples Road. The victims were leaving their vehicle to enter the store when the suspects took it and fled. A Sheriff's Office K-9 unit patrolling Buford Dam Road saw the stolen vehicle and attempted to stop it but the suspects refused to stop and fled down Buford Dam Road into Gwinnett County.

The pursuit continued and the suspects failed to negotiate a curve on Sycamore Road and struck a civilian vehicle head-on. The civilian vehicle held four occupants who were immediately transported to area hospitals for non-life threatening injuries. Sheriff Freeman visited each of the injured motorist to check on their welfare shortly after the accident.

The passenger in the stolen vehicle was ejected during the collision. The Sheriff's K9 Deputy arrived several seconds after the collision and attempted to render aid via CPR and an Automated Defibrillator but the passenger died at the scene. She has been identified as Andrea Allison (age 38) of Cumming. The driver of the stolen vehicle attempted to flee after the collision and was apprehended. He has been identified as Alston Spence, a 28 year-old male from Cumming, he is wanted for felony probation violation in Hall County, Ga and is facing Felony Theft by Taking and Fleeing and Attempting to Elude charges in Forsyth.

The Gwinnett County Police Department Accident Investigation Unit is in charge of the fatality accident investigation. Alston Spence has been charged with the following by Gwinnett PD; Felony Homicide by Vehicle, Reckless Driving, Fleeing and Attempting to Eluding, Felony Theft by Receiving and a number of other traffic related charges. Alston Spence is currently in the Gwinnett County Jail. The Sheriff's Office is assisting as needed.

As part of standard practice, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs and Training unit are also conducting an investigation of this incident.

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