



Forsyth County SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Ron H. Freeman

Deputies Make Arrest in Catalytic Converters Case

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During the past few months, Forsyth County and neighboring agencies have received reports of catalytic converters being stolen from vehicles. On March 9, 2021, at approximately 10PM, while conducting a business check at 3758 Post Road, a deputy observed a Dodge Durango in the rear of the business stopped in front of one of the businesses' trucks. As the deputy approached, the Durango began to exit the parking lot. The deputy noticed a catalytic converter lying on the ground beside the business truck as the vehicle pulled away.

The deputy attempted a traffic stop on Post Road at Evans Road; however, the suspect fled. After a brief chase, the suspect vehicle crashed on Kelly Mill Road at Wil Ray Lane. After the crash, the driver fled on foot. A K-9 track was performed and the suspect, 37-year-old Demetrice Frederick of East Point, was located and apprehended. In plain view in the back of the Durango, detectives noticed numerous catalytic converters and an extra battery for a DeWalt power tool. Back at the incident location, detectives observed 11 catalytic converters were cut off 6 trucks. There was also a DeWalt Sawzall located under one of the vehicles, along with spare blades.

Demetrice Frederick was charged with Theft by Taking, Fleeing/Attempting to Elude, Reckless Driving, and Driving While License Suspended. He was transported to the Forsyth County Jail, where he is being held on no bond.

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