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Kanawha County Sheriff's Office Arrests Suspect Following High-Speed Pursuit

Kanawha County, WV – The Kanawha County Sheriff's Office has arrested a Charleston woman following a high-speed pursuit that endangered multiple motorists and law enforcement officers.

At approximately 10:20 p.m. on January 29, 2025, Kanawha County Deputies identified a suspicious vehicle traveling on Winfield Road in Saint Albans. The vehicle was not displaying a license plate and had fresh damage to the rear. A KCSO Sergeant attempted to conduct a traffic stop, but the driver refused to comply and fled towards Winfield.

During the pursuit, the suspect dangerously passed vehicles in no-passing zones, nearly causing a collision. As officers attempted to end the pursuit safely, the driver attempted to strike a Winfield Police officer who was deploying "stop-sticks." The pursuit continued onto U.S. Route 35 and approached the entrance to Interstate 64, where the suspect's vehicle ultimately ran out of gas and came to a stop.

The driver then exited the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot, ignoring multiple commands to stop. Kanawha County Sheriff's Office K9 "Bill" was deployed and successfully apprehended the suspect.

The driver was identified as Cynthia Ward, 34, of Charleston. Ward has been charged with multiple offenses, including:

- Fleeing
- Fleeing while DUI
- Fleeing on foot
- First offense DUI
- Obstructing officers
- Driving without valid insurance



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Ward was arraigned this morning in Kanawha County Magistrate Court, where her bond was set at \$25,000 cash.

The Kanawha County Sheriff's Office remains committed to ensuring the safety of our communities and will continue to hold those who endanger the public accountable.



Cynthia D. Ward
34 years old of Charleston

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