

Man crashes car into creek, steals car of person who stopped to help

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Overnight Wednesday, a reckless driver crashed his car into a creek then stole the car of a citizen who stopped to help him.

Stephen Fields, 20, of Old Hickory, wanted to elude police after he crashed and rolled his car into a creek in Mt. Juliet.

A 43-year-old Mt. Juliet resident heard the crash and drove to the crash scene to see if anyone needed aid. Fields acted as if he was looking for a passenger, who was possibly ejected from the car, so the concerned citizen began looking around the crash scene for another injured person. While the concerned citizen was away from his GMC SUV, Fields stole it and sped away.

Cpl. Rountree was responding to the crash when he spotted Fields and the stolen SUV pass him at an extremely high rate of speed. A pursuit began after Cpl. Rountree turned around and attempted to stop Fields. Due to Field's extremely fast speeds, officers lost sight of him temporarily. Sgt. Cook then spotted the stolen SUV and chased him until Fields bailed from the SUV and ran from officers on foot. Fields was later spotted by another citizen who saw Fields running through his yard on Clearview Drive in Mt. Juliet. That citizen was able to hold him with a rifle until officers arrived and took him into custody.

Stephen Fields was arrested and booked into the Wilson County Jail and was charged with the following: Theft of Property, \$10,000 Bond; Resisting Arrest, \$2,500 Bond; Evading Arrest, \$2,500 Bond; Leaving the Scene of a Crash with Property Damage, \$2,500 Bond

He has a court date set for May 28. The vehicle that he stole was returned to the owner who stopped to help him originally. Unfortunately, the vehicle received some damage from Field's

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reckless driving behavior.