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Pizza Man's Vehicle Stolen and Recovered after Pursuit

On January 13th, 2010 at 7:30 pm a 40 year old Slidell man reported that his 1987 White Mercedes Benz was stolen from the 1500 block of Savannah Drive while he delivered a pizza.

On January 14th, 2010, just after midnight K-9 Officer Kevin Rea was near the intersection of Gause Blvd. and Rue Rochelle when he saw a vehicle that fit the description of the stolen vehicle. Officer Rea followed the vehicle and confirmed that it was in fact the vehicle stolen earlier in the night. After waiting for more units to get in the area the vehicle was stopped on I-10 westbound near the Fremaux Avenue exchange. At first the vehicle stopped, before accelerating west on I-10 in an attempt to avoid police. While Officer Rea followed the vehicle he attempted to end the pursuit by performing a Tactical Vehicle Intervention Maneuver (Pit Maneuver). After performing the maneuver Officer Rea over corrected and lost control of his vehicle, coming to rest in the trees just off the interstate. The stolen vehicle did come to a stop after the maneuver, but the driver was able to regain control and he continued to flee. As the vehicle continued on I-10 west it exited the interstate at the Oak Harbor/Eden Isle Exit, where the driver of the stolen vehicle lost control and crashed. After the vehicle came to rest the two occupants exited the vehicle and attempted to run from police. After a very short foot chase both suspects were taken into custody.

The stolen vehicle was totaled and no one was hurt during the pursuit. Officer Rea's unit sustained moderate damage and a flat tire.

Arrested: Antonio Bourgeois, age 17 of 1720 Tennessee Street, New Orleans, LA, was arrested for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle and two counts of Resisting an Officer by Flight. At the time of this release Bourgeois was not transferred to the St. Tammany Parish jail where bond would be set.

Also arrested from the vehicle was a 16 year old Slidell female. She was booked with Possession of a Stolen Vehicle and Resisting an Officer by Flight. The female juvenile was locked down at the Florida Parish Detention Center.

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