

Suspect in custody after high-speed chase through 2 counties

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A high-speed chase with a stolen vehicle that began in Moore County ended in Montgomery County, with the suspect taken into custody almost two hours later.

An officer with the Foxfire Police Department was patrolling in Jackson Springs when he observed a Dodge Charger pass another vehicle in a no-passing zone just after 10 p.m. Saturday night.

When he initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, the suspect took off at a high rate of speed.

A high-speed chase through the country led to N.C. Highway 220 in Candor. The Foxfire officer was able to keep the suspect in sight while notifying additional law enforcement. During the chase, the suspect's speed reportedly reached up to 180 miles per hour.

Just north of Exit 52 on N.C. Highway 220, the suspect's vehicle came to a stop in the northbound lanes and caught fire. The suspect fled from the vehicle before law enforcement could reach him.

N.C. Highway 220 northbound was shut down for around two hours while several law enforcement agencies searched the area using a thermal drone and a K9 officer.

Biscoe and Star Fire Departments were on scene due to the vehicle catching fire, which appeared to be contained to the engine compartment.

After searching the area, the suspect was located at an abandoned house on N.C. 220 Alternate North, just north of where the vehicle had come to a stop.

The suspect was taken into custody and transported to the Moore County jail. The Dodge Charger was confirmed to have been stolen out of Durham, and the suspect also had an active warrant out of Georgia.

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