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Road Rage Incident Leads to Assault

On Friday, February 9, 2024 the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office was contacted by Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital regarding an individual who arrived at the Emergency Room to seek treatment as a result of being assaulted following what was described to be a road rage incident.

Upon investigation, the 53-year-old victim described that while traveling westbound on W. High Ave he was "cut off" by another driver operating a white Chevrolet pickup as he proceeded southbound on 16th St. SW. The victim blew his vehicle's horn and flashed his headlights at the offending driver to express his displeasure. The combination of actions escalated and the driver of the white truck followed the victim to an area near his home where he pulled over.

A physical altercation took place resulting in the victim being punched and kicked repeatedly before the suspects fled the area. There was said to be three suspects who were occupants of the truck and involved in the assault. The victim sustained significant injury to his face and has undergone two surgeries to repair the damage.

At the time, the only information known was the description of the white Chevrolet pickup and three male occupants who appeared to be "younger". Some video footage was captured of the truck which was later used to assist in its identification.

On February 12, 2024, while on patrol, Sgt. Bryan Patrick observed a vehicle matching that of our suspect's. Sgt. Patrick made contact with the owner of the truck and his son. After some discussion, Sgt. Patrick strongly believed the vehicle to be that which was used in the assault incident and upon speaking with a 19-year-old male it was learned that he was the driver of the suspect vehicle the night of the assault. The 19-year-old driver refused to identify the others who were with him at the time.

Sgt. Patrick conferred with Capt. Fisher and it was determined that an additional interview would be completed at the Sheriff's Office. Capt. Fisher interviewed the 19-year-old and obtained the identity of his associates on the night of February 9, 2024. Capt. Fisher interviewed all three individuals who ultimately confessed to their involvement in the road rage incident and assault.

A conference will be held with the Tuscarawas County Prosecutor's Office to determine the appropriate charges in this matter.

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