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1st Degree Assault on a Peace Officer Suspect Arrested After Attempting to Elude Deputies

On Monday, April 11, 2005 at 11:25 A.M., Arapahoe County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a male acting suspicious at the:

**Belco Credit Union
15321 East Orchard Road
Centennial, Colorado 80015**

According to Belco Credit Union employees, the male was originally observed in their facility on Friday, April 8, 2005. At that time, the male was reported to be attempting to open an account. He was acting very nervous and would not let employees look into his briefcase. The male hurriedly left the credit union and the sheriff's office was contacted.

On Monday, April 11, 2005 at approximately 11:20 A.M. the suspicious male returned to the credit union and once again had the briefcase in his possession. Employees called the sheriff's office. Upon arrival, a deputy sheriff was obtaining information from credit union employees when the suspect ran from the facility. The deputy caught up to the suspect, as he was about to enter his vehicle. The suspect entered and backed his vehicle into the deputy, causing a minor leg injury. The suspect continued in reverse, crashed into a parked car and then fled the scene. The deputy immediately aired the description of the vehicle and within moments another sheriff's deputy observed the suspect within a mile of the credit union.

Deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle, but the suspect attempted to elude them. The Colorado State Patrol, Aurora Police Department, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Elbert County Sheriff's Office assisted as the suspect traveled south on Smoky Hill Road into Douglas and Elbert Counties.

After doubling back, the suspect's car became disabled when it was driven into a snow bank in the 25000 block of East Smoky Hill Road. The suspect continued to attempt to drive away and had to be physically removed from his automobile.

At this time the identity of the suspect is unknown. He is currently in the booking process at the Arapahoe County Detention Facility where fingerprint examinations are being conducted. At this time the suspect's photograph is not to be released.

Once identified, the suspect will be charged with the following crimes:

1st Degree Assault on a Peace Officer, a class 3 felony. A Class 3 Felony is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration within the Colorado Department of Corrections for 4 to 12 years, and a fine of \$3,000 to \$750,000.

2nd Degree Assault on a Peace Officer, a class 4 felony. A Class 4 Felony is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration within the Colorado Department of Corrections for 2 to 6 years, and a fine of \$2,000 to \$500,000.

Felony Vehicular Eluding, a class 5 felony. A Class 5 Felony is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration within the Colorado Department of Corrections for 1 to 3 years, and a fine of \$1,000 to \$100,000.

Criminal Impersonation, a class 6 felony. A Class 6 Felony is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration within the Colorado Department of Corrections for 1 to 1 ½ years, and a fine of \$1,000 to \$100,000.

Resisting Arrest, a class 2 misdemeanor. A Class 2 Misdemeanor is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration within the County Jail for 3 to 12 months, and a fine of \$250 to \$1,000.

Also, Numerous Traffic Related Charges

For further information, contact Sheriff J. Grayson Robinson at 720-874-4165.

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