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Today during routine patrol, Bulloch County Sheriff's Office, Corporal Jeff White and Deputy Gregory Rickerson checked a Dodge Charger's tag for compliance with registration and insurance coverage. A response from GCIC revealed that the tag was not registered to that particular vehicle and there was no valid insurance coverage. Deputy Rickerson activated the emergency equipment of his patrol vehicle to initiate a traffic stop based on this information. The driver of the Dodge Charger fled from deputies with the intent to avoid law enforcement contact. Deputies pursued the vehicle on Northside Drive from Buckhead road. The driver (identified as AVERY ROBERT HARRIS) continued to flee as he turned onto Savannah Ave. from Northside Drive. While traveling west on Savannah Ave., other units from the Sheriff's Office converged on the area to assist with the apprehension of HARRIS. HARRIS lost control of the Dodge Charger and wrecked at the intersection of Savannah Ave. and East Main St. Sgt. Rey Rodriguez attempted to contain HARRIS in the car by pinning the doors with the front of his patrol car. However, HARRIS was able to exit the Dodge Charger and flee on foot. Several Bulloch County deputies joined in the foot chase which led to HARRIS'S capture. No one was injured during the vehicle pursuit or foot chase. Once HARRIS was taken into custody and identified, deputies were able to verify that the Dodge Charger was a "STOLEN VEHICLE" from the Rockdale County "The sheriff shall keep and preserve the peace of his county"

area of Georgia. It was also confirmed that HARRIS is on probation out of Rockdale County, Ga. and has active THEFT BY TAKING arrest warrants from Rockdale County and Conyers, Georgia. HARRIS was transported to the Bulloch County Jail where he will face a laundry list of criminal charges. HARRIS is currently being held in the Bulloch County Jail without bond.

Criminal Charges filed against HARRIS by the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office consist of the following:

Fleeing and attempting to Elude Officers Reckless Driving Driving on suspended license Driving vehicle with altered tag Possession of drug related objects Possession of Marijuana (Misdemeanor) Possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime Theft by Receiving Stolen Property (the vehicle) Illegal Possession of schedule IV narcotics Illegal Possession of schedule V narcotics

> AVERY ROBERT HARRIS 48 WINDCREST DRIVE COVINGTON, GA 21 years of age