



Harris County Precinct 8

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On Saturday, January 25, 2019 at approximately 11:30 PM, Precinct 8 Deputy M. Self with Constable Phil Sandlin's Office observed a white Ford pick-up backing on the roadway in the 12200 block of Hughes Road. Deputy Self initiated a traffic stop on the truck and made contact with the male driver. A strong odor of marijuana was noted to be emitting from the vehicle and Deputy Self ordered the driver to exit the vehicle multiple times. The driver refused to comply and instead fled the scene. Deputies pursued the vehicle as the driver continued eastbound on the S Sam Houston Pkwy E to the Gulf Freeway service road. He attempted to make a U-turn at Dixie Farm Road where he lost control of the truck and struck a concrete support pillar.

Deputies were able to apprehend and handcuff the driver following the crash. A search of his person yielded the discovery of a plastic bag containing a white crystal substance later determined to be cocaine hidden in his boxer shorts. The subject admitted to having more narcotics hidden between his buttocks and Deputies removed 3 more baggies from this area. Two of the baggies contained cocaine and one contained an assortment of various pills believed to be Ecstasy. He was also found to be in possession of a baggie containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. In all, 43.4g of cocaine, 120 Ecstasy pills and 3.5g of marijuana was collected as evidence. A .45 caliber Master Piece Arms ACP pistol and a box of .45 caliber ammunition was located in the vehicle as well.

The suspect sustained a laceration to his scalp, a dislocated hip and a fractured femur as a result of the crash and was transported to Southeast Memorial Hospital for treatment. He was later transferred to another hospital due to the severity of his injuries.

Once released from the hospital, the suspect will be facing felony charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute, Evading Arrest in a Motor Vehicle and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

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