



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MEDIA FACT SHEET

Date: 06-10-2026
Location: S. Clinton and E. Foster Parkway
Time: 1:11 PM

Details/Summary:

On Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at approximately 1:11 p.m., an officer assigned to the Fort Wayne Police Department Traffic Enforcement Unit observed a gray Toyota Avalon traveling southbound on Clinton Street near Oakdale Avenue at 58 mph in a posted 35 mph zone. The vehicle was also observed making unsafe lane changes.

The officer initiated a traffic stop; however, the driver refused to stop and fled. A vehicle pursuit was initiated, with speeds reaching nearly 90 mph. During the pursuit, the suspect vehicle sideswiped another vehicle and continued fleeing the scene without stopping.

The pursuit concluded in the Villages of Hanna area, where the suspect exited the vehicle and fled on foot into an apartment building. The suspect then entered an apartment and jumped from a second-story window in an attempt to evade officers.

Officers later located the suspect south of the Villages of Hanna after he entered a residence that was not his through an unlocked front door. Once inside, the suspect barricaded himself in the attic.

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Due to the barricaded suspect, the Fort Wayne Police Department's Emergency Services Team (EST), Crisis Response Team (CRT), and Air Support Unit (ASU) were called to assist. After an extended incident, the suspect exited the residence and was taken into custody without further incident. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment of injuries sustained while fleeing from police and was later transported to the Allen County Jail.

Suspect Arrested #1:

David Lee Smilton II (23 years old) Fort Wayne

Preliminary Charges:

Resisting Law Enforcement Fleeing in a vehicle – F6

Residential Entry – F6

Resisting Law enforcement (fleeing on foot) – AMIS

Leaving the scene of an accident – BMIS

Reckless Driving unreasonably High Speeds – CMIS

Unlicensed Driver – CMIS

Active Warrant for Arrest for:

ELECT MONITOR NONCOMPL/UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A HANDGUN – AMIS

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