

?Two county pursuit lands 15-year-old juvenile in police custody

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? ? At approximately 3:30 p.m., Monday, November 10, the Salem City Police Department initiated a pursuit of a 15-year-old male juvenile in Salem that ended with the subject wrecking a car after a high-speed chase through Salem, Pekin, Borden and ending near Bennettsville in Clark County.

The pursuit was initiated due to a complaint/tip that came into the department about the juvenile.

Salem police received a tip that the suspect, wanted on a warrant for allegedly fleeing court proceedings a week earlier, was seen near Salem High School.

Salem Officer Ronnie Mays allegedly tried to stop the driver in the Salem High School parking lot but got his squad car sideswiped. A 16-year-old passenger in the SUV jumped out as the chase began.

As officers approached the juvenile at the school he fled in a green 1995 Suzuki Sidekick. Salem officers pursued the juvenile out of the city and eventually into Clark County where stop sticks were deployed by troopers just west of State Road 111 on State Road 60 East bound.

The juvenile ran over the stop sticks and end up driving into a ditch on State Road 60 where he struck an undercover Mustang used by state police and came to rest in a ditch where he was taken into custody by the Salem City Police Department.

Troopers from the Indiana State Police Post in Sellersburg will be pursuing charges in Clark County. An investigation will be completed by troopers and forwarded to the Clark County Prosecutor's office requesting charges.

During the two county pursuit speeds were as low as 30 miles per hour and as high as 90 miles per hour. Three police cars, two Salem City and one state vehicle, sustained minor damage. The 1995 Suzuki Sidekick sustained major damage. No police officers were hurt and the juvenile was taken to the Washington County Memorial Hospital to be checked out for precautionary reasons after complaining of chest pains.

The Salem City Police Department will be in charge of the investigation in Washington County.