

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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The Wisconsin State Patrol is assisting the Eau Claire Sheriff's Office with an investigation of intentional damage to a Sheriff's squad car when a suspect struck it in the rear end at a high speed.

Approximately 0705, October 11, 2010, the Eau Claire Police received a report of a hit and run of an occupied vehicle at Keith Street and Clairemont Avenue. The striking vehicle, driven by Dennis Mohr (51) of Eau Claire, continued eastbound on Hwy 12 and struck additional occupied vehicles in his travels.

Deputy Robert Shugarts located the vehicle on Hwy 12 east of Fall creek and attempted to stop the vehicle using emergency lights and siren. During the initial attempt to stop Mohr, he backed up his car and attempted to ram the squad car. Deputy Shugarts made an evasive maneuver and avoided a collision. When Mr. Mohr pulled away from the squad car and continued toward Augusta, the Augusta Police Chief deployed a "stop stick" tire deflation device. Mr. Mohr appeared to try to drive around the squad car and the deputy moved to the shoulder and slowed down. However, Mohr apparently accelerated and intentionally struck the rear of the squad car pushing it across the road and into the ditch. Both vehicles were disabled and Deputy Shugarts had to subdue the suspect and place him in custody.

Mr. Mohr was transported to the hospital by ambulance and will be taken to jail for various felony charges. Alcohol was a possible factor.

Deputy Shugarts was taken to the hospital and released.