

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MEDIA RELEASE



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On Thursday December 17th at approximately 1:00 A.M. Eau Claire County Deputies were requested by the Neillsville Police Department to check an address in the Village of Fairchild, Eau Claire County, for a Jason A. Sonnheim, 10-31-1977, 612 W. 5th St, Neillsville WI.

Neillsville Police reported that Sonnheim was wanted for multiple charges in their jurisdiction including burglary, domestic related disorderly conduct, domestic related strangulation, child abduction and bail jumping.

While enroute to check the Village of Fairchild address for Sonnheim, an Eau Claire County Deputy spotted Sonnheim's vehicle traveling near the Village of Fall Creek. While the deputy was turning around to initiate a traffic stop on Sonnheim's vehicle, Sonnheim sped off and eluded the Deputy. Several Deputies converged on the area and began to look for Sonnheim and his vehicle. While traveling to the Fall Creek area, a Deputy spotted Sonnheim and his vehicle again, although this time on CTH Q, in the Township of Seymour. The Deputy began to follow Sonnheim and broadcast his findings to other Deputies. During this time Sonnheim began to drive erratic and refused to stop for the deputy's emergency lights and siren. Based on the serious nature of the offenses Sonnheim was wanted for in Neillsville, Eau Claire County Deputies pursued Sonnheim. The pursuit continued through the Town of Seymour, Town of Lincoln, Town of Ludington and eventually into Chippewa County. When Sonnheim entered Chippewa County, Chippewa County Sheriff's Office assisted in the pursuit by placing "stop sticks" on the roadway, deflating the tires on Sonnheim's vehicle. Sonnheim was taken into custody a short time later. A juvenile male was safely recovered from Sonnheim's vehicle and was eventually reunited with his mother.

Sonnheim was transported to the Eau Claire County Jail for felony charges arising from the pursuit in Eau Claire County. A hold will be placed on him for the pending Neillsville charges.

The Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Eau Claire Police Department, The Augusta Police Department and the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office.

No further information is being released at this time.