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Multi-Agency Pursuit Ends in Arrest



The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office today arrested David Allen Cence, DOB 9/27/78, on several charges stemming from a case that started at a local bank and led to a brief pursuit.

The Sarasota Police Department responded to BB&T, 1202 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, for a report of someone trying to pass a fraudulent check. When officers arrived, the suspect was sitting in a car that sped off as they approached. Officers determined the vehicle was stolen and began their pursuit.

Sheriff's deputies spotted the vehicle when it crossed onto Siesta Key. The suspect then bailed out of the car and disappeared after crossing a canal. Deputies were searching for the suspect when a landscaper flagged them down and said someone had just stolen his truck. Deputies followed the truck down Freeling Drive but the suspect turned the truck around at the dead end and crashed into a Sheriff's Office vehicle. The deputy was not injured. The suspect fled on foot but was found hiding in the hull of a boat docked behind a home on Freeling.

The Sarasota Police Department charged Cence with Uttering a Forged Instrument, Fleeing to Elude and Burglary of a Vessel. The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office charged him with Two Counts of Grand Theft Auto, Fleeing to Elude and Aggravated Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer.

Deputies also determined Cence has an outstanding warrant out of North Carolina for failure to appear on a charge for the Manufacture of Dangerous Drugs.