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Case No. 15-5150

On April 1, 2015 at approximately 11:30 p.m., a Portage Public Safety officer observed an off-road motorcycle traveling northbound on Portage Road without any lights. The subject on the motorcycle was driving recklessly, riding on the traveled portion of the road, jumping the curb, riding in the front yards of businesses and back onto the shoulder of the road. The officer attempted to stop the motorcycle; however, it fled and hid behind a business in the 9100 block of Portage Road. Officers continued to check the area and eventually found the motorcycle when it tried to leave the area.

Officers attempted to stop the motorcycle, but it again fled from officers. The slow speed pursuit traveled north on Portage Road and eventually left the City of Portage, traveling east on Q Avenue. The cycle attempted to elude officers in a corn field east of Portage before coming back into town on P Avenue (Bishop Road). The cycle again attempted to lose officers by going off road in the area of Quality Way and Commercial Drive in Portage. The operator was taken into custody a few minutes later when he drove into a retention pond behind Summit Polymers at 6717 Sprinkle Road. The operator, a 16-year-old Schoolcraft resident, was not injured and lodged at the Kalamazoo County Juvenile home on felony fleeing and eluding charges.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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