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Case No. 17-33845

On December 5, 2017, at approximately 11:48 p.m., a Portage Department of Public Safety police officer was driving north on Portage Road behind a silver Chevrolet minivan that had an improper license plate. As the officer was preparing to activate his overhead lights to pull the vehicle over, it accelerated rapidly and attempted to ramp onto eastbound I-94. The driver of the minivan lost control of the vehicle on the entrance ramp. The minivan ran off the roadway to the right and struck the curb, causing extensive damage to the minivan. After the minivan came to rest in the gore, the officer pulled up to the accident scene with his overhead lights activated, and the driver quickly exited and ran to the east. The officer remained with the vehicle and its passenger.

Officers were able to determine the identity of the driver and found him to have outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrants. The Portage Department of Public Safety K-9 unit arrived and tracked the suspect approximately ¼ mile to the east, where he was located hiding in a pile of leaves. The suspect was taken into custody for his outstanding warrants. Charges will also be sought for resisting and obstructing police and leaving the scene of a property damage accident. Officers from the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety assisted in providing a perimeter during the K-9 track. .

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

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