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On Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 4:21 PM, the Shelby Police Department received a call of a burglary in progress at an address on Broadway. It was reported that three males wearing masks had entered a residence through a window and returned to a vehicle a short time later carrying multiple items. The caller advised that the vehicle fled the scene in a black Audi SUV eastbound on E. Smiley Ave.

Officer Cody Baker responded to the area of flight and observed the suspect vehicle turn in front of him at the intersection of Plymouth Springmill at SR96. Ofc Baker initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle initially stopped, but while in the process of ordering the occupants out of the vehicle, the driver fled at a high rate of speed and Ofc Baker initiated a pursuit.

The pursuit went from Richland County into Ashland County with the vehicle reaching speeds in excess of 100 MPH and involved in additional minor traffic accidents. A firearm was thrown from the vehicle during the pursuit and later recovered. The Ashland County Sheriff's Office, Ashland Police Department and Ohio State Highway Patrol joined in the pursuit. Pursuit termination techniques were used which ultimately led to the vehicle leaving the roadway. Upon stopping, multiple occupants fled from the vehicle, but all suspects were apprehended.

Five juveniles were arrested and identified, and ultimately all were transported to the Shelby Police Department; all five were charged with a single count of Aggravated Burglary and transported to the Richland County Juvenile Detention Center, awaiting court appearances. The suspect vehicle was seized and towed by Ashland Police pending a search warrant to recover items from the burglary.

We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our partners at the Ashland County Sheriff's Office, Ashland Police Department, Richland County Sheriff's Office, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol for their cooperation and assistance with this pursuit.



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Chief of Police