



PRESS RELEASE

Intoxicated Suspect Charged after Vehicle Pursuit – Suspect with felony warrant arrested quickly

The Warren Police Department is providing an update regarding a police pursuit that occurred yesterday, May 26, 2025, at approximately 11:50 AM. The suspect in the incident, 25-year-old Xavier Powell of Warren, has been charged with multiple crimes.

The incident began when a Warren Police Officer, on routine patrol in a fully marked patrol car, attempted a traffic stop on a black Chrysler 300 for window tint and other violations near 9 Mile and Masch. The driver and sole occupant, identified as Xavier Powell, initially stopped the vehicle on 9 Mile. As the officer approached, it was quickly determined that Powell did not possess a valid driver's license. The officer also observed clear signs of suspected intoxication from Powell. Despite repeated requests to exit his vehicle, Powell refused and instead fled the scene in his vehicle, driving southbound onto Audrey Street from 9 Mile. The officer immediately notified dispatch and other units of the pursuit. Less than one minute later, the officer observed Powell lose control of his vehicle near Toepfer and Audrey. Powell's vehicle struck several unoccupied parked vehicles before colliding with the front porch of a nearby residence on Audrey Street. Fortunately, no innocent parties were injured in the collision.

Following the crash, Powell fled on foot but was quickly located hiding in a nearby backyard and taken into custody without further incident. Officers found an empty alcohol bottle inside Powell's vehicle. Powell was transported to an area hospital, where officers obtained a blood sample to test for and confirm the presence of intoxicants. The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office has reviewed the case and charged Xavier Powell with the following:

- **Fleeing & Eluding 3rd Degree** (5-year felony)
- **Resisting & Obstructing an Officer** (2-year felony)
- **Operating While Intoxicated** (93-day misdemeanor)
- **Reckless Driving** (93-day misdemeanor)
- **Operating While Unlicensed** (90-day misdemeanor)

Powell was arraigned by Judge Chupa of the 37th District Court, where he entered a not guilty plea. Bond was set at \$50,000 cash/surety for this incident. Investigators also note Powell's significant criminal history, which includes previous convictions for driving offenses, larceny, and controlled substances. Furthermore, at the time of his arrest, Powell was wanted on eight open traffic warrants and a felony warrant for a domestic-related assault issued out of Warren. Investigators are currently awaiting the results of Powell's blood analysis from the Michigan State Police Crime Lab.

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