

NARRATIVE

On 8/18/2022 at approximately 1218 hrs, CENCOM received multiple reports of a possible DUI vehicle driving from in front of Blakely Elementary to the roundabout at Madison Ave and Wyatt Way. The vehicle was described and a license plate number was provided.

The vehicle was reportedly stuck in a ditch for approximately 15 minutes, had struck a “water main” and was driving erratically. The officer was parked in the IslandWood driveway when a car fitting the description drove by and then the driver of a van stopped and frantically started pointing at the vehicle and the driver was yelling that the vehicle which just passed was a DUI.

The officer turned around to look for the vehicle and saw a large cloud of dust in the intersection of West Blakely Ave and Blakely Ave. They could not see the vehicle down Blakely Ave and drove down West Blakely Ave but did not locate the vehicle. The officer then turned up Odd Fellows Road and drove down Blakely Ave until they located the vehicle on the side of the road at the intersection of Blakely Ave and 3 T Road. It was clear the vehicle had veered off the right side of the roadway into a few short bushes, over a no parking sign, and then came to rest back on the shoulder a few feet from the stop sign on Blakely Ave. The vehicle license plate matched the reported one.

The officer walked up to the vehicle and it was still running. They stood next to the door for a second or two before the driver noticed they were there. The officer asked the driver to roll down her window and she complied. When asked if she knew she had been in a traffic collision, she said ‘yes.’ When asked if she was okay she said ‘yes.’ She was asked for her license, registration and proof of insurance. The driver was later identified. Throughout the contact each yes or no question was answered with ‘yes’ and every question that required a response was answered with her first name.

Aid was requested to respond because the contact with the driver appeared to be a medical issue and not due to drugs or alcohol.

