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News Release

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Sheriff Lavender reports that on 04/02/2013 at approximately 6:55 p.m. his office was called by a citizen who reported that they were behind a vehicle that they previously owned on Baum Hill Road. The citizen reported that they knew the person driving the vehicle and believed that he had stolen it.

Deputy Eric Kocheran was patrolling in the area and spotted the vehicle on Baum Hill Road. Deputy Kocheran attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver fled in the vehicle on Baum Hill Road. Deputy Kocheran pursued the vehicle for a short time on Baum Hill Road, but the pursuit was terminated in accordance with the Ross County Sheriff's Office Policies and Procedures, to avoid the risk of public safety.

Deputy Kocheran continued to patrol for the vehicle on Baum Hill Road and found it pulled off the side of the road and unoccupied. Deputy Kocheran searched the area and was unable to locate the driver. An inventory of the vehicle revealed a wallet with the identification of the male driving the vehicle, a bag containing a green leafy vegetation found to be marijuana, and other items of drug paraphernalia. These items were all taken as evidence to be processed.

Deputy Kocheran also found damage to a garage and yard in the 300 block of Baum Hill Road that had been damaged with the vehicle.

This investigation is ongoing and several charges are pending completion.