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**Convicted felon arrested after allegedly trying to
kill CPD officer;
*Suspected fleeing driver jailed too***



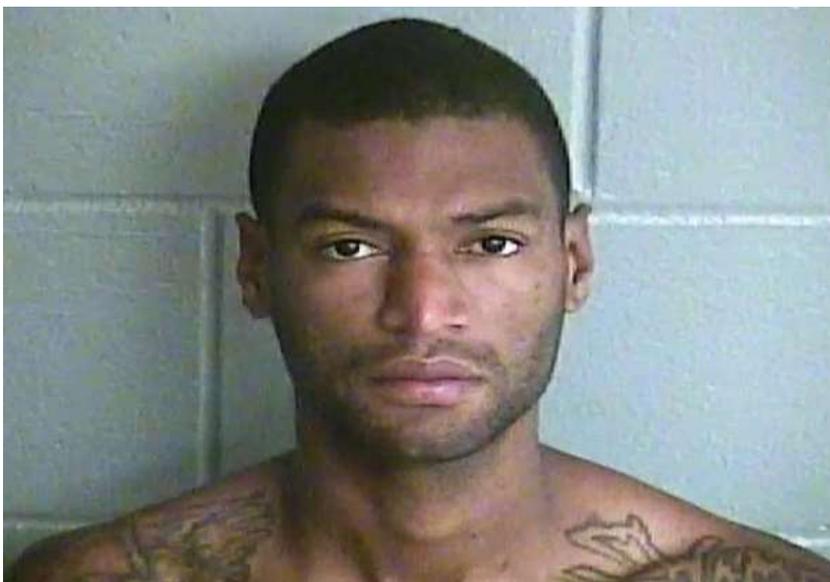
Here is a picture of the cruiser used by CPD K-9 Officer K. Schultz at the scene in the very wee hours of Sunday morning (Feb. 26).

Photos provided courtesy of CPD and LCSO

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CHIEFLAND -- A Sunday morning (Feb. 26) press release from Chiefland Police Department Sgt. James Yanok reflects the inherent danger of law enforcement, which includes the potential for death, exists even in a small city like Chiefland.



*** Bobby Lee Bean Jr. of Bronson is seen in this previous mugshot.**

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CPD K-9 Officer K. Schultz had a bullet from his service weapon pass by him as he fought with a convicted felon in some woods in the very wee hours of Sunday, according to information provided by Sgt. Yanok.

The final result of the struggle between a convicted felon and a municipal law enforcement officer showed one man going home after performing his duty and one man going to the Levy County Jail.

Bobby Lee Bean Jr., 29, of Bronson is the convicted felon who is suspected of multiple charges potentially including -- attempted murder of a law enforcement officer; possession of a firearm by convicted felon; battery on a law enforcement officer, battery by strangulation; kidnapping; resisting arrest with violence; discharge of a firearm in a residential area; depriving an officer of his or her weapon which is a means of the officer's protection; and threat of violence on a law enforcement officer, Sgt. Yanok said.

On Sunday morning at approximately 1:05 a.m., CPD K-9 Officer Schultz attempted to perform a traffic stop on a silver-colored SUV for a traffic infraction in the area of North Young Boulevard (U.S. Highway 19) and Southeast Fourth Avenue, Yanok said.

The vehicle continued southbound on South Main Street and then turned onto Southwest Second Drive, failing to stop, Yanok said, and then it continued to increase speed traveling southbound as officers pursued the vehicle.

The suspect vehicle continued until stopping in the area of the 1000 Block of Southwest Second Drive, where the back seat passenger, later identified as convicted felon Bean exited the vehicle carrying a 12-gauge shotgun, Yanok said.

Bean began running west of off the roadway into the tree line in that neighborhood, Yanok said.



This is a picture of the vehicle that CPD K-9 Officer K. Schultz initiated a traffic stop on, and which fled. It is seen here at the scene in Chiefland.

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This is the shotgun found by officers after Bobby Lee Bean is suspected to have taken it from the car and fled into the woods.

K-9 Officer Schultz chased after Bean and was able to catch up with him in a heavily wooded area, Yanok said.

Schultz restrained Bean, who then began to fight with K-9 Officer Schultz on the ground, Yanok said. Bean hit Schultz in the face and attempted to strangle him, Yanok said.

This is when Bean told K-9 Officer Schultz that he was going to kill him, Yanok said. Due to these circumstances, K-9 Officer Schultz pulled his agency-issued firearm from his holster and warned Bean to get off of him, Schultz said.

Bean attempted to take K-9 Schultz's firearm from him with both hands, Yanok said. Bean then tried to force the gun to K-9 Officer Schultz's chest and said he was going to kill him, Yanok said.



Daneisha Watkins of Chiefland is seen in the current mugshot from the LCSO, where she is in jail now for fleeing from a police officer. Her initial bond was set at \$25,000, according to records.

As Bean pulled the trigger, Yanok said, K-9 Officer Schultz was able to deflect the muzzle of the gun from being aimed at his chest to avoid being struck.

Once the gun discharged, Yanok said, Bean stopped fighting as backup units were responding to the scene.

Bean attempted to flee on foot again, Yanok said, but he tripped and fell down.

K-9 Officer Schultz then subdued Bean as backup units were able to place him in hand restraints and take him into custody.

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Deputies with the Levy County Sheriff's Office, members of the Levy County Department of Public Safety's EMS and Chiefland Fire Rescue Department also responded to the scene, Yanok said.

A 12-gauge shotgun was located nearby, and it is believed to be the shotgun that Bean dropped, Yanok said. It was loaded with 6 shotgun shells, Yanok said.

During the altercation, Bean suffered a laceration to his chest area, Yanok said, and he was treated by Levy County EMS. No responding officers suffered any major injuries during this incident.

The suspect driver of the vehicle, identified as Daneisha Watkins, 20, of Chiefland was arrested by CPD Officer T. Brown and charged with failure to obey a law enforcement officer's order to stop. Bond was set at \$25,000 for her this morning, and she is in the Levy County Jail, according to records.

Levy County Jail records as of 9:37 a.m. on Sunday did not show suspect Bean's whole list of charges or bail amounts.

Sgt. Yanok noted in the Sunday morning press release that this is currently an ongoing investigation. More information will be released when it becomes available, Yanok said.