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Sheriff Bobby McCallum helps catch DUI suspect

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CHIEFLAND -- Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum, Undersheriff Brett Beauchamp and Levy County Sheriff's Office Col. Mike Sheffield were among the law enforcement officers who helped capture a man suspected of driving while under the influence of alcohol (DUI) and driving while license suspended or revoked (DWLSR), according to records.

On Monday afternoon (Oct. 15) at about 2:11 p.m., Chiefland Police Department Cpl. B. Murphy and Sgt. James Yanok were dispatched to the United States Post Office at 222 W. Park Ave. in Chiefland, to assist Sheriff McCallum with a traffic stop, according to an incident report.

Colin Danny Kelly *Mug Shot By LCSO*

Col. Sheffield advised an investigating officer that Colin Danny Kelly, 65, of Chiefland was driving a 2000 Acura passenger vehicle that had struck another vehicle at the Pure gas station at 112 N. Main St. (U.S. Highway 19), and the sheriff was speaking with the man, according to records.

The colonel said a person reported the crash to Sheriff McCallum, Undersheriff Beauchamp and the colonel as they were exiting a restaurant in the area. Col. Sheffield said they followed the vehicle from that scene, according to records.

Contact was made with the driver – Kelly – who tried to conceal an almost-empty 750 milliliter (about 24.4 fluid ounces) bottle of Jim Beam whiskey, according to records.

Kelly told the officers that he did not consume alcohol and that this bottle did not belong to him. However, according to records, Walmart Asset Protection provided the surveillance footage showing Kelly buying the Jim Beam gift set that contained that bottle at approximately 10:12 a.m. that very morning.

The odor of the impurities of alcoholic were reported to be coming from Kelly's person, according to records.

Sheriff McCallum had followed Kelly as he drove west on Northwest First Avenue, according to records. The incident report detailed information to indicate impaired driving, including when Kelly finally arrived in the USPS parking lot and almost took the Acura over the curb and onto the sidewalk.

Research showed three arrest warrants had been issued for Kelly for failure to appear (FTA) in court when he was supposed to be there, according to records.

After failing a few field sobriety tests, Yanok determined Kelly had been DUI. He was arrested by Cpl. Murphy and taken to the Levy County Jail by an LCSO transport van, according to records.

Kelly was released from jail within 24 hours on \$11,500 bond on three counts of FTA, one count of DUI and one count of DWLSR, according to records.

