

One Arrested After Man Hunt

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CANTON—On February 27, at approximately 9:15 p.m. DPS troopers made a traffic stop that led to the arrest of a fugitive.

Van Zandt County Sheriff Posse, Canton Police Department and Grand Saline Fire and Rescue assisted on the arrest.

The call came in as a wanted parole violation.

Johnnethen Kyle Chambers, 22, Murchison, was arrested and charged with evading arrest/detention and a probation violation for the burglary of a habitation.

There is no bond for the parole violation and bond was set at \$10,000 for the evading arrest charge.

Chambers had cut off his ankle monitor several days earlier and was on the run. He was considered armed and dangerous.

DPS troopers stopped Chambers on Interstate 20 and State Highway 17, the fugitive then ran from the car into a wooded area. Troopers called for the posse to bring the K-9 tracking dogs.

“The troopers did not cross the fence line, so they did not contaminate the area. Troopers, Van Zandt County Sheriff’s Office Deputies, Canton PD, and Van Zandt County Sheriff’s Office Posse set up a parameter to contain the suspect,” said Van Zandt County Sheriff’s Lt. Jackie Buccafurno.

Posse members who responded included Rains County reserve

Rachel Miller, Cindy Daniels, Joe Baker and posse vice president Doug Daniels.

Zeus, K-9, seared and picked up the track where the suspect had been seen last. The unit tracked through the wooded area and Zeus found the suspect.

At that time Buccafurno announced that the dog was going to be sent in and the suspect gave himself up without incident.

The suspect tried to hide from officers in a tank.

Grand Saline EMS provided a brief medical exam of the fugitive after his capture.

Grand Saline EMS who responded to the scene were Jason Holloway, Bobby Mooring, R. Issiac and J. White.