



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

On May 29th, Corporal Wayne Lake attempted to stop a vehicle entering the City on Pearl Street. It was traveling 20 MPH over the posted speed limit and due to extensive damage appeared to have been involved in a serious collision. The vehicle refused to stop and continued out of the City at 49th and Baltimore. After running that stop sign, Corporal Lake discontinued his attempt to stop the vehicle. However, he noticed the vehicle crash into a cement curb at 46th and Baltimore and drove to contact it.

One passenger ran away dropping a loaded 9mm Glock magazine and the driver put the vehicle in reverse, backed, and rammed our patrol car before fleeing once again. Now an aggravated assault, we were now in pursuit of the car with Tacoma Police as backing up Lake. Lake used the damaged portion of his car to pin the suspect vehicle and safely apprehend the female driver. She had multiple felony and misdemeanor warrants, had a moderate quantity of methamphetamine and cash, and was booked into the Pierce County jail. The damage to our patrol car is approximately \$7000.

This was Lake's seventh felony arrest in that work week.

The planning for Metro Parks/City of Tacoma Fourth of July Summer Blast event is completed. The same road closures in the City will be in effect, specifically Baltimore between 49th and Ruston Way, with local traffic only restrictions on Commercial, Villard, and Court Streets. All officers will have a duty tour on that day. Traffic and event updates will be posted on X.

The Department is looking at a date in July or August to host our first Coffee with the Cops event. We will post the date in the newsletter and on X.

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