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**DUI Suspect Flees; Rams Deputy's Cruiser**  
(Bushnell, Fl)



Cody M. Johnston, 19, of Bushnell was arrested July 9, 2011; he was charged with Fleeing and Eluding a Law Enforcement Officer, Driving with a Suspended Driver's License, Driving Under the Influence, and Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer. Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of an intoxicated driver in the area of CR 476B in Bushnell. At approximately 7:01 p.m., a deputy observed Johnston operating a gray Chevrolet truck in a careless manner on CR 631A. When the deputy attempted to stop the vehicle using lights and siren, the vehicle accelerated abruptly and fled from the deputy; the deputy deactivated the lights and siren and made no further attempts to stop the vehicle.

A short time later, deputies discovered Johnston and the vehicle behind the Circle K in Nobleton after receiving additional reports of a reckless driver in the area. As deputies approached, Johnston again attempted to flee in the vehicle, intentionally ramming one of the patrol vehicles. Deputies drew their service pistols and ordered Johnston from the vehicle. After making several commands, he exited the vehicle without further incident. A strong odor of what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage was emitting from his person. No injuries were reported, but the patrol vehicle suffered minor damage.

Johnston was taken to the Sumter County Detention Center where blood alcohol testing showed that his blood alcohol level of .146; his bond was set at \$11,500 dollar.

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