

Craigslist Car Thief Sentenced for Fleeing Police and Assault on State Trooper

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On June 21, 2013, Trevon Broomfield, 21, of Dayton appeared before Judge Don Oda and pled guilty to Failure to Comply with the Order of a Police Officer, Felonious Assault on a Police Officer, Receiving Stolen Property, and three counts of Theft. These charges arose from the theft of cars listed on craigslist and a high-speed pursuit of a stolen car which nearly caused serious injuries to an Ohio State Highway Patrol trooper.

On December 8, 2012, Broomfield stole a car from a Franklin man after it was listed on craigslist. The stolen car was recovered in Moraine, Ohio after being sold to another individual. On December 29, 2012, Broomfield met a Mason couple at a church parking lot in Mason. After a test drive, he stole their Chevrolet Tahoe, which had also been listed on craigslist. That vehicle was sold to a man in Springfield, Ohio and was later recovered. Credit cards and a firearm were also taken in the Mason theft.

On January 15, 2013, Broomfield met a West Chester man who had listed a Nissan Sentra for sale on craigslist. After a test drive, Broomfield drove off in the car at a high rate of speed. The victim immediately notified West Chester police who saw the vehicle on Tylersville Road about an hour later. West Chester officers pursued the vehicle northbound on I-75 until it exited at State Route 63, went through the Monroe Premium Outlets, and then continued eastbound on State Route 63, driving in the westbound lanes at a high rate of speed. Units from the Ohio State Highway Patrol joined the pursuit at speeds of over 120 mph towards Lebanon.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Sharese Williams positioned her patrol car in front of the Warren County Garage on State Route 63, just west of Lebanon, and deployed stop sticks in the road. As Broomfield approached Trooper Williams, he drove the car off the right side of the road slightly injuring Trooper Williams. After striking Trooper Williams, the car struck her patrol car causing the Nissan to flip over and crash. Broomfield was ejected from the stolen car and captured by Lebanon police officers nearby.

After pleading guilty, Broomfield was immediately sentenced to seven years in prison by Judge Oda.

Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell, who also prosecuted Marcus Isreal for the 2011 death of Warren County Deputy Sheriff Brian Dulle following a pursuit, said: "We are tired of seeing people fleeing from the police and endangering the lives of others, often with

tragic consequences. We are going to continue to seek maximum prison terms for those who place police officers and other people's lives in danger just to avoid responsibility for their criminal behavior." Fornshell also complimented Assistant Prosecutor Derek Faulkner and the Ohio State Highway Patrol for their efforts in the successful prosecution.



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