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On August 8, 2024 at approximately 6:30PM, officers with the Madison Police Department were alerted to a stolen vehicle from the City of Hattiesburg. The vehicle and occupant were believed to be related to an armed carjacking that occurred on August 5, 2024 on Hwy 98 in the City of Hattiesburg.

The vehicle listed as stolen was a 2016 Nissan Altima. A traffic stop was attempted on the vehicle; however, the vehicle fled from Main Street and Grandview where it struck three vehicles. The vehicle then turned south on Grandview Blvd where it went into oncoming traffic. The Altima then continued south onto Cotton Hill where other agencies were contacted for assistance. After turning east on Colony Park, the Altima then went across Hwy 51 where the driver lost control and struck a bridge located on McClellan Drive. The suspect, later identified as 18-year-old Montoya Motley of Gulfport, MS then exited the vehicle and ran back north into the Cobblestone Subdivision armed with a handgun. After a short foot pursuit, the suspect was taken into custody without incident near the rear of a residence. Officers recovered a total of three firearms and a

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large quantity of marijuana. Montoya Motley was transported to a local hospital for minor injuries sustained during the accident. The citizens involved in the prior accidents were treated at the scene and released.

Further investigation by officers revealed that Motley was also wanted out of the City of Biloxi for Armed Robbery and possibly Kidnapping. Officers are coordinating with the City of Hattiesburg and the City of Biloxi to further the investigation where additional suspects are being sought in their respective jurisdictions.

The City of Madison is currently holding Montoya Motley where he is charged with Felony Fleeing, 2 counts of Receiving Stolen Property, Possession with Intent to Distribute, and three counts of Felony Malicious Mischief.

Montoya J. Motley's case will be forwarded to Madison/Rankin County District Attorney John 'Bubba' Bramlett for prosecution following his initial appearance in the City of Madison Municipal Court. Motley will be housed at the Madison County Detention Center as he awaits his initial court appearance.



Montoya J. Motley, Age 18