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**Bedford, VA** — At 3:52 a.m. November 22, a Bedford County Sheriff deputy observed a vehicle traveling west bound on 460 near the Big Otter River being operated at a high rate speed. When the deputy attempted to stop the vehicle the driver refused to stop and a high speed pursuit ensued through the City of Bedford. Several Bedford City officers joined the pursuit. The vehicle continued through the city onto Peaks Road, 43 north, and turned left onto Parker Road. On Parker Road the vehicle struck two police cars and the driver ran from the vehicle. The suspect vehicle was registered to a person in Campbell County and was later to be reported stolen.

A short time later a second vehicle was reported stolen from Parker Road and an officer spotted the vehicle heading north on Peaks Road at a high rate of speed. The officer again attempted to stop the vehicle, which refused to stop. The officer pursued the vehicle and the suspect drove the vehicle into a field north of the Bedford Country Club and again fled on foot.



Bedford County deputies, using tracking K-9s, arrested the suspect at 7:30 a.m. on Peaks Road near Toms Road. Randy Lee Leftwich, age 18, of 7209 Epsoms Road, Gladys, Va. was arrested and charged with reckless driving, felony elude police, attempted malicious wounding of a police officer, three felony property damages and one grand larceny of a vehicle, in Bedford County. Further charges are possible. He is being held in the Blue Ridge Regional Jail in Bedford on no bond.

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