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# **N e w s      R e l e a s e**

*Corporal James Grimaldi*

*Public Information*

*February 3, 2020*

*9:30 AM*

At approximately 5:02 a.m. on February 3, 2020, St. Charles Parish deputies responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle parked behind the Pilot Gas Station, 10405 Airline Highway in St. Rose, LA, occupied by one subject, possible shooting up heroin.

When our officer arrived on scene, the suspect attempted to drive away in his vehicle, crashing into a ditch. Deputies apprehended the suspect, detained him in handcuffs, then secured him in the rear of a deputy's Patrol S.U.V. The deputy then began investigating the scene of the crash, but just a few minutes after securing the suspect in the patrol vehicle, he observed his patrol vehicle driving away.

Deputies initiated a pursuit with the stolen patrol vehicle, traveling down airline highway towards New Orleans. One pursuing St. Charles Parish Deputy was involved in a crash on Airline Highway near David Drive in Jefferson Parish. The crash investigation was handled by Louisiana State Police.

Deputies continued pursuing the stolen St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office vehicle into New Orleans, but lost sight of the vehicle near Xavier University.

Around 8:00 a.m., the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office received information pertaining to the stolen vehicle being abandoned in the 700 block of Toledano Street in New Orleans. Detectives recovered the vehicle shortly after.

The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office is currently looking for the suspect involved in this incident. The suspect is described as a white male, believed to be in his late 20's or early 30's. The male is described as being 110 lbs, and approximately 5'9" with dark colored, possibly brown hair above his ears. The suspect has a thin mustache and may still be handcuffed.

The vehicle that the suspected was initially in was reported stolen out of New Orleans.

If anyone has information about this incident, they are urged to contact Detective Kevin Tennison of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office at (985)783-1135 or (985)783-6807.

Citizens may also contact CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-877-903-STOP. Citizens do not have to give their name nor testify and could receive up to \$2,500.