



Tupelo Police Department

Press Release

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Felony Fleeing Arrest Made:

On 05-04-23, Officers with the Tupelo Police Department responded to a welfare concern on West Main Street, due to a small child being left in a vehicle unattended. Upon arrival, officers contacted concerned witnesses and CPS was notified. While speaking with witnesses an individual appeared and was able to get in to the vehicle before officers could stop her. Officers informed the individual that she was not free to leave and she then left the scene traveling at a high rate of speed. Officers then gave chase for a short distance in West Tupelo before the pursuit was canceled due to safety concerns. Investigators began developing information that eventually led to a suspect being charged.

On 05-12-2023 the driver, Lauren E. Ray (40 y/o female, Tupelo) was taken into custody by the Tupelo Police Department and charged with Felony Fleeing. Tupelo Municipal Court Judge Allen set Ray's bond at \$50,000. These charges will be presented to the Lee County Grand Jury.

