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Detroit man arraigned on eight counts in Eastpointe

Mount Clemens, MI - Today, a 20 year old Detroit man was arraigned on eight charges in connection with allegedly driving a stolen vehicle and fleeing police.

It is alleged that on Thursday, November 9, 2023, Melvin Cooley-Cline IV was driving a stolen vehicle. An Eastpointe police officer saw the suspect driving and pursued the vehicle. Cooley-Cline fled. Another officer joined the pursuit. Cooley-Cline drove into a field and one of the officers struck the vehicle, stopping the pursuit. Cooley-Cline fled on foot. Shortly after, officers arrested the suspect. Cooley-Cline was in possession of a firearm and another was found in the vehicle.

Melvin Cooley-Cline IV was charged with:

Count 1: Flee and Elude 3rd (five year felony)

Count 2 Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (five year felony)

Count 3: Carry a Concealed Weapon (five year felony)

Count 4: Resisting Obstructing a Police Officer (93 day misdemeanor)

Count 5 & 6: Felony Firearm (two year mandatory felony)

Count 7: Altering ID Marks on Firearm (two year felony)

Count 8: Driving While License Suspended (93 day misdemeanor)

Cooley-Cline IV was arraigned in Eastpointe District Court where Magistrate Mark Makowski set bond at \$250,000 cash/surety and he must have a mental health evaluation. Upon release Cooley-Cline IV is to wear a steel GPS tether, have no weapons, no contact with the victims, not leave the state of Michigan, no driving, be on house arrest, and have no alcohol or drugs.

A probable cause hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 8:00 am and a preliminary exam is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 8:00 am in front of Eastpointe District Court Judge Kathleen Galen.

"Fleeing from the police not only puts officers and innocent people at risk but also makes things worse for the person doing it. By prosecuting those who choose to run, we send a strong message that we won't tolerate such dangerous actions in our community. We're committed to keeping everyone safe, including our police, as they work to protect and serve," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's office represents the people. We are committed to achieving justice and following the laws of the State of Michigan. All that are accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.