



# PRESS RELEASE

**PETER J. LUCIDO**  
MACOMB COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Contact: Dawn Fraylick  
Office: +1 (586) 469-5737  
Email: [Dawn.Fraylick@macombgov.org](mailto:Dawn.Fraylick@macombgov.org)

IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 28, 2022

## Man arraigned in car chase in Shelby Township

Mt. Clemens, MI - The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office charged and arraigned a 36 year-old Pontiac man with six counts in connection with a high speed chase on Hall Road on Friday, November 25, 2022.

It is alleged that Wellington Inoa pushed a shopping cart full of merchandise out of the Marshalls / Home Goods store located on Hall Rd. in Shelby Twp. without paying. Shelby Twp. Officers arrived at the scene and located the defendant's pickup truck in the nearby Chick-Fil-A drive thru. Officers pulled in front of the vehicle, and the defendant backed up over the curb to flee. Wellington began to drive forward when he intentionally rammed into another officer's vehicle and fled onto westbound Hall Rd. He continued speeding and running red lights until he hit a vehicle going northbound on Van Dyke Ave. After the crash, Wellington exited his vehicle and Shelby Twp. officers pursued and arrested the defendant after a short foot pursuit. Officers found drugs, and a machete in the vehicle, and merchandise all over the road. Luckily, no injuries were reported, but many vehicles were damaged in the incident.

Wellington is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a ten year felony, possession of methamphetamine, a ten year felony, fleeing police in the third degree, a five year felony, carrying a concealed weapon, a five year felony, retail fraud in the first degree, a five year felony, and assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer, a two year felony.

This was a very dangerous situation for our police officers and our community. This blatant disregard for the law has to stop, or innocent lives will be lost. This situation could have been much worse." said Peter J. Lucido.

The defendant was arraigned on Sunday, November 27, 2022 in front of Magistrate Zemke who set a \$50,000 cash/surety only, no 10% bond. The Shelby Township District Court will hold the Probable Cause Conference on December 12, 2022 and the Preliminary Examination on December 19, 2022.

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.

#####