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MAN FACING MULTIPLE CHARGES AFTER FLEEING POLICE

On Saturday, May 29, 2010 at approximately 12:18 a.m., Ocean City Police initiated a traffic stop in the area of 47th Street, after witnessing the driver of a Pontiac GTO spin wheels on Coastal Highway. As the officer approached the vehicle, the driver, later identified as Joshua Mark Hammond, 20, of Fallston, Maryland, placed his vehicle in reverse, nearly striking the patrol car.

Hammond continued to flee police, traveling southbound on Coastal Highway. In addition to striking the east curb on 48th Street, he traveled south in the northbound lanes, almost hitting three vehicles head on before crossing Coastal Highway into the southbound lanes at 45th Street.



Ocean City Police followed Hammond as he continued to travel at a high rate of speed on Coastal Highway and through several red lights. As Hammond ran the red light at 8th Street, he struck two unoccupied vehicles on the east side of Philadelphia Avenue.

Hammond was taken into police custody after the crash. A search of the vehicle revealed suspected marijuana, cocaine and an ASP baton. He was transported to Atlantic General Hospital where he was treated for back pain and released. The two passengers traveling with Hammond, one juvenile and one 19-year-old, were issued alcohol citations.

Hammond is being held at the Public Safety Building, awaiting his initial appearance in front of a District Court Commissioner. He has been charged with the following: driving while under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol, possession of CDS, possession of a deadly weapon, reckless endangerment, driving a motor vehicle in a manner intended to cause wheel spinning, reckless driving, negligent driving and several additional traffic violations.

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