

# **BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

### **Sheriff Steve Whisenant**

## WANTED SUSPECT ARRESTED

Name: BARRY LEE MCMAHAN II

**DOB:** 04/20/1994 **AGE:** 25

Address: 482 Joe Ross Street, Lincolnton, NC 28092

**Charges:** M - Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle – 2 counts

F - Larceny of Motor Vehicle
F - Possession of Stolen Goods

F - Flee/Elude arrest with Motor Vehicle

M -Speeding

M - No Operators License

F - Break or Enter to Terrorize or Injure Person/s

F - Attempted Common Law Robbery Absconder from NC Probation

**Bond:** \$65,000.00 - Secured

Held with no bond for the NC Probation Absconder warrant

Court Date: Catawba County court dates of 02/28/2020 and 03/09/2020

Burke County court date of 02/26/2020 and 03/02/2020



### **Summary:**

On Tuesday, February 25, 2020, a Burke County Sheriff's Office deputy came upon a motor vehicle wreck at the intersection of Highway 70 and Rhodhiss Road (Icard area of Burke County). He was advised it was a hit and run by the victim and witnesses and the deputy reported the situation via the police radio. Moments later a detective with the Burke County Sheriff's Office located the two suspect vehicles turning off of Icard Dairy Barn Road onto Miller Bridge Road, heading towards Highway 18 South. The detective caught up to the two suspect vehicles as they turned onto Shoupes Grove Church Road. The detective activated his blue lights and siren but both vehicles (a black older model Honda Civic and a red older model Honda Civic) refused to stop and attempted to speed away. The vehicle chase went down Old Highway 10 and then turned right onto Johnson Bridge Road as other deputies converged on the area. The black Honda Civic lost control and ended up running off of a driveway, through a field, and into a patch of trees off of Carolina Mill Road. The driver jumped and ran. Deputies with a K-9 were able to track the suspect from the wrecked vehicle to where he removed his clothing but lost the track at a nearby river. (The car had been stolen in Hickory and Hickory Police came to the scene).

The Detective stayed with the red Honda Civic that drove through a different field and back out onto Carolina Mill Road, to Johnson Bridge Road, Old Highway 10 and onto Miller Bridge Rd. The red Honda's driver lost control, wrecked in the 5400 block of Miller Bridge Road and fled on foot. Detectives chased the suspect through the woods, across a field and to a nearby home where he jumped into a vehicle that was sitting in a driveway. The owner of that vehicle had just arrived home leaving her keys in her vehicle while going inside her house to get help from her husband with the groceries. The suspect started the vehicle but was removed before he could get the vehicle in gear. The suspect was placed into custody and transported to the Magistrate's Office where he was served with outstanding warrants from two different counties and also the charges stemming from the vehicle chase (see above).

In addition to the above charges, there are three unserved warrants for felonious possession of a firearm, felonious breaking and entering to a motor vehicle, and felonious possession of a motor vehicle. These additional charges were obtained following the suspect's arrest and will be served at a future date.

The defendant was wanted by NC Probation and Parole for being an absconder and is currently being held with no bond on that individual charge.

#### **Agencies Involved:**

Burke County Sheriff's Office