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The Northwest Lancaster County Police have charged Dwayne Armand Weir M/39 YOA with (3) felony counts of **Receiving Stolen Property**, (1) felony count of **Criminal Conspiracy to Receive Stolen Property**, (1) misdemeanor of the second degree count of **Criminal Mischief**, (1) misdemeanor count of the second degree of **Recklessly Endangering Another Person**, (1) misdemeanor of the second degree count of **Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officer**, and summary counts of **Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended or Revoked**, **Accidents Involving Damage to Unattended Vehicle or Property**, **Careless Driving**, **Reckless Driving** and **Required Financial Responsibility**.

The charges filed by Officer Charles Tobias are a result of an investigation by the Northwest Lancaster County Regional Police that started in October of 2008. On 20 October 2008, an undercover officer attempted to question Weir about stolen property at the Greentree Self Storage facility on Cloverleaf Rd. in Mount Joy Township. When uniformed officers in marked police cruisers attempted to take Weir into custody, he fled in a four wheel drive pick up truck. Weir drove over the lawn of the storage facility and down an embankment when fleeing from the self storage facility.

During his flight from the pursuing police cruisers, Weir left the roadway a second time and drove through a fence into a pasture off of the 1300 block of Schwanger Rd. He continued fleeing across the pasture driving over several more fences. At one point, the fencing became entangled in the front axle of the truck disabling the truck. Weir along with a 17 YOA juvenile abandoned the disabled truck and continued to flee on foot.

A short time later a pick-up truck was reported stolen to the Susquehanna Regional Police. The Northwest Regional Police the Susquehanna Regional Police

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and the West Hempfield Township Police continued the investigation through the morning of October 21, 2008. Acting on information obtained during the investigation, officers from the three police departments located the stolen truck that was reported to the Susquehanna Regional Police Department. The truck was located in W. Hempfield Township. A large amount of stolen property consisting of mostly heavy construction type equipment was discovered in the bed of the stolen pick up truck. On investigating further, police found a large amount of additional stolen property hidden in a nearby wooded area.

Through the investigation, over 40 horse riding saddles and other equestrian equipment were recovered from the self storage facility. The equestrian related equipment had been stolen from break-ins at a riding stable in Conewago Township in Dauphin County on 11 October 2008, and a second riding stable in Rapho Township on 3 September 2008. The saddles and equestrian equipment are believed to be worth in excess of \$20,000.00. Also recovered from the storage facility was approximately \$1,400.00 of electronic equipment reported stolen during a burglary at the Mount Hope Episcopal Church in Penn Township in Lancaster County.

The joint investigation is continuing by investigators from the Northwest Regional Police, Susquehanna Regional Police and West Hempfield Township Police Departments.

The Northwest Regional Police request that anyone with information on the whereabouts of Dwayne Armand Weir contact them at 717-367-8481.



Dwayne A. Weir

