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K-9 Ace Injured During Pursuit Of Suspect

Greenfield, IN. – Greenfield Police K-9 Ace is recovering in an Indianapolis Animal hospital today after being struck by a vehicle while chasing a suspect late Sunday night. Ace was in hot pursuit of the suspect when he was struck. Patrolman Freeman was following behind Ace but was not struck by the car. Ace being struck by the vehicle was an accident and the driver is cooperative.

Patrolman Caleb Freeman and his K-9 partner Ace were on patrol Sunday evening when a passenger car was observed to commit a traffic infraction on North State Street. Patrolman Freeman initiated a traffic and upon speaking with the driver, identified as Patrick D. Mix (44) of Greenfield, observed signs of intoxication.

While waiting for a back-up officer to arrive, Mix sped away from the traffic stop in the vehicle and Patrolman Freeman gave chase. Mix eventually came to an abrupt stop in the 300 block of E. Park Avenue and began running from the vehicle on foot. Patrolman Freeman sent K-9 Ace after Mix. Just before catching Mix, Ace was struck by a vehicle on North Spring Street.

Assisting Officers were able to catch Mix and take him into custody without further incident. Patrolman Freeman immediately tended to Ace and realized that he needed emergency care. Ace was taken to IndyVet Emergency and Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis where he is still recovering today. Ace has no broken bones but is banged up and bruised.

Patrick Mix is being held in the Hancock County Jail where he is being preliminarily charged with: Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felon (level 4 felony), Resisting Law Enforcement-Vehicle (level 6 felony), Resisting Law Enforcement-Forcibly Resist (A misdemeanor), Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated .08-.15 (C misdemeanor). He is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.