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Virginia man arrested after overnight search in Elkridge *Thomas Barr of Culpeper tried to run down officers with his car*

Howard County police located and arrested a suspect this morning who tried to run down two officers with his car in an incident overnight.

Police were called around 12:40 a.m. to the Royal Farms store in the 8200 block of Lark Brown Road in Elkridge to assist a man who appeared to be unconscious and alone in a locked black Jeep SUV in the parking lot.

Officers arrived and tried to check on the man, who was later determined to be Thomas Howard Barr, 26, of Culpeper, Va., but he was unresponsive. They were forced to break a window to provide any necessary medical assistance. Officers reported that Barr woke up, became combative and drove from the parking lot. He entered Deep Run mobile home park on Pirch Way, struck several parked cars and came to a stop at a dead end.

Two officers approached the SUV and attempted to make contact with Barr, but he accelerated directly at them. The officers fired at the vehicle but did not strike Barr, who drove a short distance before exiting the SUV and fleeing on foot. The officers were not injured.

After a search overnight, police found Barr around 8:15 a.m. walking in the area of Marie Curie Drive and Lark Brown Road in Elkridge. He was taken into custody and transported to Shock Trauma for injuries he sustained when he struck multiple vehicles while trying to flee from police.

Upon his release from the hospital, Barr is expected to be charged with two counts of attempted murder on officers, two counts of assault, fleeing and eluding police, driving on a suspended/revoked license, hit and run, and destruction of property. He is also wanted on an active warrant from another jurisdiction for hit and run.

Police found syringes in a preliminary search of Barr's vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

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