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(CLARKESVILLE, GA): On Tuesday, December 22, 2020, a Habersham County Sheriff's Office patrol deputy was patrolling on Zeb Bryson Road when he observed a silver in color 2009 Volkswagen sitting in the roadway just before the creek. As the deputy's patrol car got closer, the Volkswagen began to move, travelled across the creek to the stop sign at Zeb Bryson Road and Rennie Haynes Road and turned right onto Rennie Haynes Road without coming to a complete stop prior to making the turn. The Volkswagen then crossed into the on-coming traffic lane on Rennie Haynes Road, at which time the patrol deputy activated his emergency lights and siren and initiated a traffic stop.

The driver of the Volkswagen refused to stop and attempted to elude deputies and officers from the Cornelia Police Department. The driver continued to flee for several miles, during which time she was driving at speeds in excess of 100 mph, failing to maintain her lane of traffic, and operating her vehicle in a reckless manner.

Deputies were able to successfully deploy the Pursuit Intervention Technique or PIT Maneuver on the Volkswagen in the area of J. Warren Road. The Volkswagen struck a utility pole and crashed.

Two females (later identified as Amber Wade, 29 years of age of Demorest, GA and Katherine Elrod, 24 years of age of Clarkesville, GA) were removed from the vehicle.

Deputies discovered a quantity of suspected drugs, drug paraphernalia, and a large sum of cash in the vehicle. Habersham County Sheriff's Office investigators assigned to the Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (ARDEO) were called to the scene in reference to the items located in the vehicle. The Georgia State Patrol was also called to the scene regarding the vehicle wreck.

Katherine Elrod was transported to Northeast Georgia Medical Center for treatment of injuries sustained as a result of the wreck and Amber Wade was transported to the Habersham County Detention Center where she was booked in on 1 count of Reckless Driving and 1 count of Fleeing and Attempting to Elude an Officer.

Further charges may be forthcoming.