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(Escambia County, Florida) On November 3, 2022, Circuit Court Judge John Simon sentenced Josiah Miles Andersen to fifteen years in Florida's Department of Corrections. The Defendant pled to multiple counts of Fleeing and Attempting to Elude, Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, and Resisting an Officer Without Violence. The Defendant will serve three years of his sentence day-for-day as a minimum-mandatory sentence. Andersen pled on September 23, 2022.

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On June 25, 2021, the Defendant fled from Pensacola Police officers as they attempted to make a traffic stop for driving in the wrong lane of traffic. A short time later, other Pensacola Police officers again attempted to stop the Defendant. While fleeing, the Defendant struck an officer on foot patrol. The Defendant was not apprehended, and a warrant for the Defendant's arrest was issued.

On June 26, 2021, deputies with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office located and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the Defendant based on the warrant from the day prior. The Defendant again fled and led deputies on an extensive pursuit at speeds exceeding 110 miles per hour. The Defendant was apprehended in Milton, Florida, after a deputy immobilized his vehicle.

At sentencing, prosecuting attorney Molly Snyder stated, "The Defendant's actions put our citizens and law enforcement officers in danger. The Defendant's egregious display of recklessness warrants a substantial sentence."

This investigation and arrest were conducted by the Pensacola Police Department and the Escambia County Sheriff's Department with the aid of the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorney Molly Snyder prosecuted the case on behalf of Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. For further information, please contact Ms. Snyder at 850-595-4200.