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Two men charged with fleeing from police in stolen car

Two men are in custody after they fled from Boynton Beach police this morning in a car taken during a carjacking in suburban West Palm Beach.

It started around 10:30 a.m. when Boynton Beach Police Officer Stephen Maiorino attempted a traffic stop on a dark blue Honda Civic on North Seacrest Boulevard. Officer Maiorino recognized the driver from previous encounters and knew that he was driving with a suspended driver license.

The driver did not stop that car. Officer Maiorino did not pursue the car but followed at a close distance as it entered Interstate 95 and headed north.

Dispatchers then advised Officer Maiorino that the car had been taken during a carjacking in suburban West Palm Beach last night. Officer Maiorino was then given the go-ahead from supervisors to pursue the Honda Civic.

The car exited I-95 on Forrest Hill Boulevard and turned onto Forest Court, where it was forced to stop due to a tree blocking its path.

The driver and passenger bailed out of the car, which then caught fire. Officer Maiorino got out of his patrol car, which caught fire while he was taking the driver into custody.

The passenger fled but was later taken into custody by the West Palm Beach Police Department.

A stolen handgun was recovered in the grass near the burning cars. The car fires were possibly sparked by the hot undercarriage of the cars resting on the dry grass.

The driver, identified as Ivan Johnson, 22, of Boynton Beach, and the passenger, Patrick McIntosh, 18, also of Boynton Beach were taken to Bethesda Memorial Hospital complaining of neck and back pain. Officer Maiorino suffered injuries to his right hand.

Johnson and McIntosh face charges of felony fleeing and eluding, resisting arrest without violence and possession of a stolen firearm. Additional charges are pending.

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