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Reference: Aggravated Kidnapping/recovery of a one-year-old child

On April 21, 2025, at approximately 7:25 p.m., Tarrant County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to an aggravated kidnapping in the 13000 block of Highway 287 & 81. Upon arrival, they had found the suspect assaulted another subject with a baseball bat and attempted to kidnap the mother of his baby and the child.

When deputies arrived, the suspect had taken his son by force and was traveling at a high rate of speed with the child in his lap. Patrol deputies tried to catch up to the suspect's vehicle but were unable to locate it. Due to the dangerous situation, deputies did not continue to pursue the vehicle and reached out to the Texas Department of Public Safety for assistance.

The TCSO Criminal Investigation Division was notified and The DPS issued an Athena Alert. Alerts were also sent to surrounding states including as far north as Indiana. The suspect, Ronny Leon, 29, stayed in contact with the mother, who worked with detectives to lure Leon back to North Texas. When he arrived at the agreed upon location to meet, Leon was taken into custody. Leon was booked into the Wise County Jail.

The positive outcome of this case would not have been possible if not for the fantastic work of the various TCSO deputies involved and our partnering agencies, including DPS, the Boyd Police Department and the Rhome Police Department.

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