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Reference: Search for suspect who cut off ankle monitor

On May 5, 2025, at approximately 11:35 a.m., Tarrant County Sheriff Warrant Deputies were dispatched to locate a subject who cut off his ankle monitor and was making threats towards one of his previous victims. The suspect, Dontel Tanksley, 32, had outstanding warrants for Assault Family Violence with two prior convictions.

Warrants Deputies went to Tanksley's last known address, as well as the home of the victim who was being threatened. At approximately 2:30 p.m., a deputy spotted his vehicle in the 11400 of Woodland Springs Dr and began a short pursuit. Tanksley's car sustained a flat tire and he bailed from the vehicle. TCSO Deputies pursued him into a nearby neighborhood but due to rainy weather and low visibility, the suspect was able to hide.

Additional resources were deployed to the scene including the TCSO Drone Unit, FWPD Air One, and two of TCSO's K-9 Units. A perimeter was established, and multiple back yards and residences were checked. After several hours of searching, TCSO K-9 Deputies tracked the suspect who was hiding in a heavily wooded area and was taken into custody.

In addition to his previous charges, Tanksley is now charged with Evading Arrest Detention with a Vehicle and Tampering with an Electronic Monitoring Device.

He's being held in the Tarrant County Jail without bond.

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