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## HARRISON TOWNSHIP MAN WITH EIGHT OUTSTANDING WARRANTS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

**Pittsburgh PA** ---- Sheriff Kevin M. Kraus announced today that a Harrison Township man with a previous address in Penn Hills has been taken into custody on eight outstanding warrants; two bench warrants and six active arrest warrants.

29-year-old Brandon Wheeler was last encountered by law enforcement in June of this year when he led police from Ross Township and Franklin Park on a high-speed chase up I-79 North into Cranberry Township. The chase ended when Wheeler's vehicle struck another occupied vehicle near the turnpike interchange. Wheeler then fled on foot and was able to evade capture despite the efforts of numerous agencies including our office.

This week, detectives developed information that Wheeler was staying at an apartment building on Freeport Road in Harrison Township. Earlier today, detectives approached the building and formed a perimeter around the building. Detectives then went inside the building to the apartment where Wheeler was located and began knocking and announcing themselves.

After receiving no response, detectives forced entry into the apartment at which point Wheeler went out a back window. Wheeler was then confronted by detectives on the perimeter and despite being struck by a Taser, Wheeler continued to flee on foot. Detectives then pursued Wheeler both on foot and in vehicles before forming a second perimeter around a wooded area off of Sylvan Avenue.

Detectives then deployed a drone with a thermal camera and picked up a heat signature from Wheeler. The drone was instrumental in leading detectives to the location of the heat signature where they found Wheeler hiding behind a tree near a creek bed. Wheeler was taken into custody without further incident, evaluated by medics and then transported to the Allegheny County Jail.

In addition to the charges on the six active warrants, Wheeler is also facing new charges of evading arrest, resisting arrest and flight to avoid apprehension.

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