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Thief Captured and Stolen Vehicles Recovered in Multi-Agency Response

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – Early Sunday morning, Putnam County Sheriff's Office deputies assisted Algood Police Department in tracking and apprehending a subject in two related thefts – an SUV with trailer and a motorcycle – that were located within the County. They were later joined by officers of the Monterey Police Department as the subject fled to Monterey and was eventually apprehended without incident on Hillwood Street in Monterey. The subject, 43-year old Johnny Key, a resident of Monterey, has been charged with Theft of Property, Evading Arrest and Reckless Endangerment and was booked into Putnam County Jail on \$8,000 bond.

Key allegedly stole the truck with trailer in the northern part of the County early Sunday morning. He then proceeded to Gainesboro Grade where he stole the motorcycle. The owner of the motorcycle alerted authorities and Algood officers identified the subject within Algood city limits and attempted to pull him over. At this point, the subject fled the scene. Algood officers, assisted by Sheriff's Office deputies, began following the subject as he fled east on I-40 to Monterey. They were joined by Monterey officers as they tried to safely apprehend the subject. The incident was resolved when the subject's stolen vehicle got stuck in the mud on Hillwood Street. The subject tried to evade arrest on foot but was apprehended without further incident.

"I am proud of the way our law enforcement officers worked together to quickly solve this crime and safely apprehend the subject," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "This was a fine example of how the professional relationships we have worked so hard to develop are enabling us to keep our communities safe."

Investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information pertaining to this crime is encouraged to call investigators at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at (931) 528-8484.

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