

Towns County deputies recover stolen vehicle
Suspect faces charges multiple counties

On Tuesday, June 12, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Towns County Sheriff's Office received a lookout (BOLO) for a stolen truck from Rabun County. At approximately 10:00 p.m. Towns County Deputy Ken Kelly observed a truck travelling at a high rate of speed on Hwy 76 near Papa's Pizza. The deputy attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle accelerated in an apparent attempt to elude the deputy. The driver allegedly continued to attempt to elude the deputy and turned into a parking lot. The driver exited the vehicle and began to run into a wooded area. The deputy pursued the subject on foot and the subject was apprehended shortly after. Deputy Brandon Barrett arrived on the scene and assisted in the investigation.

After an investigation by Sheriff's Deputies, it was found that this was the stolen truck from Rabun County. Brian Lonzo Samples, 35, of Buford, GA, was arrested and faces charges of Driving under the Influence, Possession of Stolen Property, Fleeing or Attempting to Elude, Speeding, and Failure to Maintain Lane. The subject will also face charges in Rabun County when he is released from the Towns County Detention Center. Mr. Samples also has holds on him from several counties pending his release.

At press time, this subject is still in custody at the Towns County Detention Center.

