

On May 16 at approx 11:23 p.m., a Henderson County Sheriffs' deputy on patrol noticed a vehicle driving with no rear tail lights turning onto Chestnut Gap Road. The vehicle was a silver colored 1993 Ford Probe. The deputy turned around to investigate and found the vehicle had pulled into the area of an apple packing house and was parked with all the lights off. As the deputy turned on his blue lights and started to get out of his vehicle to investigate, the lights of the suspect vehicle came on and the vehicle started toward the officer exiting the area at a high rate of speed. The officer gave chase in his vehicle while calling in the pursuit to the Henderson County Communications center and supporting units.

As the vehicle continued to elude capture, the deputy noted that the driver was operating the car in a very erratic manner, including running through a stop sign at an intersection without slowing. Other deputies managed to deploy a tire deflating device ahead of the fleeing vehicle and engaged it on Sugarloaf Road. The driver managed to flee in the vehicle into a yard of a residence on Blue House Road where he exited and fled on foot. A passenger was detained at the scene while deputies and a K-9 continued to search for the driver. It was determined that the suspect being sought was Joshua Luke Osteen who was a fugitive from Lincoln County NC who is wanted for felony Probation Violation as a result of drug charges.

Osteen was found after a short search, hiding under some bushes. He was arrested and charged with "Fleeing to Allude Arrest", and "Resisting a Public Officer". He was transported to the Henderson County Detention Center and was placed under a 3500.00 secured bond by the on duty Magistrate.

Osteen lists his address as: 55 Partner Drive, Hendersonville, N.C. He is 25 years old.

