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Vehicle Pursuit- Submerged Vehicle

(Rantowles, SC) This morning at approximately 3:00 a.m., a deputy attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was driving erratically on Savannah Highway in Ravenel. The vehicle did not stop and fled from the deputy. Deputies chased the subject towards the Bulow boat landing in Rantowles. The suspect, with an adult female passenger onboard, drove the vehicle into the water at the boat landing. The driver exited the car and swam towards the surrounding marsh, where deputies observed him hiding. Deputies noticed the female passenger struggling to free herself from the sinking vehicle, at which time they removed their duty belts and entered the water in an attempt to rescue her. As deputies got close to the vehicle, the female was able to exit on her own. She was evaluated by EMS and released. The helicopter, Marine Patrol and Underwater Recovery Team searched the water and marsh, but concluded that the suspect likely escaped. The submerged vehicle was recovered from the water. It was not reported stolen at the time; however, deputies located a firearm inside.

This is an active investigation, with suspect's identity pending. Anybody with information is asked to call the Charleston County Sheriff's Office at 843-743-7200 or Crimestoppers of the Lowcountry at 843-554-1111.

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