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POLICE CAPTURE FELONY SUSPECT

WAKE FOREST, NC – March 26, 2011 – Wake Forest police have captured the man responsible for Thursday's accident involving K9 Maverick.

Marcus Antwan Richardson, 1405 Old Knight Road, Knightdale, was arrested late Friday afternoon during a vehicle stop in Zebulon. He was charged with felony assault on a police animal and resisting a public officer. He was also processed on several additional warrants, including probation violation.

Police had been searching for Richardson, 21, since Thursday when he fled from officers attempting to serve him with several outstanding warrants. While responding to assist in the pursuit, a Wake Forest police officer struck K9 Maverick with his vehicle seriously injuring the animal.

Maverick, a Belgian Malinois, had emergency surgery late Thursday at N.C. State University's College of Veterinary Medicine where he remains in critical but stable condition.

Richardson is currently being held in the Wake County Detention Center under \$332,000 bond. His first court appearance is Monday.

Richardson was apprehended through the joint efforts of the Wake Forest Police Department's Impact Unit, Criminal Investigation Division, and Patrol Division, the Wake County Sheriff's Office, Knightdale Police, Zebulon Police, and Rolesville Police Departments.



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