

On Sunday, September 18, 2022 at approximately 6:00 PM, an Alexander County Sheriff's Office deputy was attempting to identify a suspicious vehicle displaying an Alabama tag on Pop Davis Road in the Taylorsville community of Alexander County. The occupant of the vehicle was identified as Dustin Baker Wheeler, age 34 of Concord, NC. Wheeler was found to have outstanding out of county warrants, including two Failures to Appear for DWI and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. While attempting to place him into custody, Wheeler assaulted a deputy and fled into a nearby wooded area. Additional officers from the Sheriff's Office, Taylorsville Police Department, and North Carolina State Highway Patrol, along with Alexander County Sheriff's Office K-9 Bloodhound Remi and her handler, Cpl. Caudle responded. A search of the area by officers and K-9 Bloodhound Remi resulted in the location of Wheeler. K-9 Remi is under a year old and has been through numerous training exercises.

Wheeler was charged with Assault on a Government Official, Resisting Arrest, and two outstanding warrants for Failure to Appear. Wheeler was transported to the Alexander County Detention Center, where he was placed under a \$26,700 secured bond with a first appearance date of Monday, September 26, 2022 in Alexander County District Court.

Sheriff Bowman would like to thank Taylorsville Police Department and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol for their assistance in this apprehension. Sheriff Bowman would also like to congratulate K-9 Remi and her handler, Cpl. Caudle, for a successful location of Wheeler.

Authority of Sheriff Chris Bowman

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