**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Man Arrested After Fleeing Police and Jumping into Wheeling Creek**

Around 8:45 a.m., Thursday, June 20, Wheeling Police officers were dispatched to the Edgewood neighborhood for a suspicious person in the area, possibly attempting to break into cars.

After searching the area, Officers located a subject on a bicycle with a backpack and attempted to approach him. The suspect attempted to avoid the investigating Sergeant and then fled when other officers approached. The man jumped into Big Wheeling Creek to avoid officers and began floating and swimming away in the swift current.

Officers monitored the subject and after multiple attempts to rescue him from the creek by Wheeling Fire Department and Wheeling Police, officers entered the creek and forcibly took him into custody.

The arrestee has been identified as William J. Carr, 40 of Bridgeport, Ohio and formerly of Wheeling. Carr is wanted on 3 outstanding warrants and is facing multiple additional charges including obstruction and fleeing a police officer.

WPD would like to acknowledge the Wheeling Fire Department and OCSO for their assistance and for the resident who contacted police to report the suspicious activity.

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