

ATV rider arrested in chase that injured state trooper

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A Wilkes ATV rider was arrested over the weekend- and deputies believe the man to be responsible in an ATV-related incident that left a state trooper injured.

Saturday, a deputy noticed 40-year-old Charlie Clayton Alexander on an ATV, not wearing a helmet. The deputy soon realized there was no tag on the vehicle and attempted to pull it over. The man attempted to flee, leading the deputy on a chase down Highway 268, then to White Plains Road and Ruritan Road. Reports say Alexander passed cars in his path on the left, exceeding speeds of 70 miles per hour. Alexander then turned left onto an unmarked dirt road near Ruritan with terrain the deputy could not navigate. The patrol car was forced to turn back onto the main highway.

After questioning people who saw the vehicle, it was determined that the man was Alexander. Deputies went to his address, finding ATV tracks, but no Alexander. Sunday, the deputy recognized Alexander from a mug shot taken in an incident earlier this year that left Trooper Kyle Barber with two broken legs. After confirming it was the same man from the chase, deputies returned to Alexander's residence and, with some verbal resistance, were able to charge Alexander with several offenses, including fleeing to elude arrest. Deputies plan on charging Alexander with damage to a county vehicle once an estimate on the damage to the patrol car used in the case has been determined. Alexander allegedly borrowed the ATV without permission and had been drinking.