

Local Law Enforcement Spike Tires To Halt High Speed Chase

A high speed chase that covered at least four counties in Tennessee ended in Lee County on Wednesday night with local law enforcement apprehending a Blountville, Tennessee man.

Barry Lynn Jones, age 44, of Blountville was arrested by Lee County Sheriff's Office personnel following the multi-county chase with Jonesville Police Department officers utilizing a spike strip east of Jonesville to halt the speeding vehicle.

Jonesville police officers Brandon Eads and Aaron Payne set up the spike strips on Highway 58 at the intersection of Kinser Hollow Road with the fleeing Jones puncturing his tires to disable his vehicle.

Officer Eads explained that Captain Taylor Scott with the Lee County Sheriff's Office advised he and

Jonesville Police Department officer Payne to travel west on Highway 58 with the spike strips. "The Sergeant on call (Cubby Scholls) advised me to deploy the strips at the intersection at Kinser Hollow Road," said Eads. "Once the tires were blown, he didn't have any options unless he wanted to try and drive on the rims."

Eads added that it was the first time he had used the spike strips which he said were very effective.

Major Jimmy Woodard with the Sheriff's Office related that the chase originated in Kingsport (Sullivan County) with Jones fleeing through Hawkins, Grainger and Claiborne Counties in Tennessee and then into Lee County.

Claiborne County Sheriff's Office personnel had traveled into Lee County in pursuit of Jones when he

was apprehended with the Tennessee group offering appreciation to their Virginia fellow officers for the arrest.

Major Woodard related that Jones had a warrant in Sullivan County for burglary and was driving on a suspended license in Tennessee. Woodard reported speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour during the chase with multiple charges expected to be filed in the various jurisdictions.

Lee County Sheriff Gary Parsons commended the various agencies involved in the chase which put the public in danger in several counties. "Quick action by all the departments resulted in the arrest of a fugitive with no injuries or damage to property," added Parsons.