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**Brookhaven Officers rescue wanted felon from car fire before making arrest**

**Brookhaven, GA Mar. 10, 2014** -- Brookhaven Officers rescued wanted felon, Donald Jason Miles, 28, from a burning car Sat. before arresting him after he led officers on a high-speed chase through Brookhaven and DeKalb County.

On Sat., Mar. 8, Brookhaven Officers responded to an armed robbery call in the North Druid Hills Road area. Upon checking the surroundings, officers noticed a vehicle with stolen tags parked at a nearby hotel.

While officers were attempting to set up surveillance, the vehicle left the parking lot. An attempt to stop the car led to a pursuit across the I-85 Bridge. After several minutes of observed reckless driving, the driver crashed head on into a utility pole at the intersection of North Druid Hills Road and Clairmont Road.

Brookhaven Officer David Fikes was first to arrive on scene. He realized quickly that the vehicle was filling with smoke and the suspect was unresponsive, laying across the center console. With assistance from other officers, Fikes began breaking windows and managed to pry the suspect from the vehicle along with a dog that was found in the passenger floorboard. Moments after both the suspect and the dog were removed from the vehicle, the car became engulfed in flames.

Miles was placed under arrest and has been taken to Grady Memorial Hospital for injuries sustained in the crash. He is being charged with theft, fleeing and attempting to elude police, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and reckless driving as well as additional charges related to a suspected carjacking incident in Sandy Springs and outstanding warrants from Roswell and Georgia Parole.

The dog was treated on-site for smoke inhalation and was transported to Briarcliff Animal Hospital for further veterinary evaluation.

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