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Released from WDH, police bring charges against Mass. man for chase and evasion

LEE — A 19-year-old Massachusetts man, missing since he crashed his vehicle on Route 125 early Sunday morning, was found Tuesday morning and in handcuffs by Tuesday afternoon.

Russell Call of Newton, Mass, a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire, was found today at a home on County Line Road, a dirt road.

He was taken to Wentworth-Douglass Hospital for a medical examination and the arrested by state police, who are charging him for disobeying a police officer, a misdemeanor, and reckless conduct, a felony, according to Sgt. Richard Mitchell.

The charges stem from the a police chase on Sunday morning when a state trooper tried to pull over Call's Nissan on Interstate 95 for speeding. It was clocked at 128 mph. He later crashed his car on Route 125 and had been missing since.

Police said they got a phone call from Call's mother this morning who said she had heard from her son. He had made his way to a residence on County Line Road and told her he was fine.

Authorities went to the home and spoke to Call who complained about injuries to his feet. He was shoeless, but otherwise in good condition, according to authorities from New Hampshire Fish and Game, who also responded to the home where Call was found. Rescue personnel called an ambulance that took him to Wentworth-Douglass Hospital for an evaluation.

Police are still investigating the circumstances surrounding the crash. Once authorities get medical clearance to talk to Call, they say he may still be charged in connection with the speeding and chase.

State Police Lt. David Parenteau said Monday a trooper from Troop A came into contact with Call's Nissan early Sunday morning on I-95 and tried to pull him over for speeding.

Call didn't pull his vehicle over and got off the highway at Exit 3, which took him into Greenland. From there Call traveled down Route 33 at a speed of about 80 mph and with the officer in pursuit, according to Parenteau. The trooper stopped the pursuit in downtown Exeter.

The trooper would later spot Call's vehicle on Route 27 in Epping but the vehicle was well ahead. Parenteau said the trooper continued to follow the vehicle onto Route 125 at normal speed and came up on the vehicle after it had already crashed.

Parenteau said it appeared high speed and a wet road caused the vehicle to spin counterclockwise, resulting in the vehicle's back end crashing into some trees in a wooded area off Route 125, just past the Route 155 intersection.

By the time the trooper approached the crashed vehicle, Call was already gone, possibly fleeing into the woods, police said.

A state police canine team was unsuccessful in locating Call and a second search on Sunday resulted in the discovery of a pair of sneakers believed to be Call's.
