

Marion Police enter high-speed chase

Marion Police apprehended a man after a high-speed chase on Monday, May 17, at 10:45 p.m.

Sgt. George Kilgren was on a routine patrol in the area of 1st and 2nd streets where he witnessed a white male riding a blue and white dirt bike veer into the alley between 1st and 2nd streets without usage of a left turn signal.

Sgt. Kilgren activated his red and blue lights to initiate a traffic stop.

The motorcyclist, Kevin L. O'Banion, age 51, fled to Baldwin Avenue, west on 1st St at a high rate of speed. O'Banion ran the stops signs at Forest and Butler Avenue to 1st and Short St. He then traveled south in the field until coming to 2nd Street. He began to travel the wrong way down 2nd Street until coming to Park Avenue where he turned north and again began to accelerate at a high rate of speed. O'Banion reached Spencer Avenue, where he turned west and continued traveling west on Spencer at a high rate of speed until reaching Miller Avenue. He then went through the parking lot of General Motors, 2712 W 2nd St.

After driving through the parking lot, he left through

the exit going out onto SR 18 West. He pulled the dirt bike off the road and into the grass on the shoulder and slowed to a near stop to attempt to turn himself around 180 degrees. Sgt. Kilgren pulled his vehicle across in front of him and Officer Andry did the same behind him in an attempt to box him in. While he was slowed to a near stop, Sgt. Kilgren exited his vehicle and attempted to grab and pull the driver off the dirt bike while he was moving slowly.

As Sgt. Kilgren's fingertips grasped O'Banion's clothing, he accelerated and pulled away. It was then another MPD vehicle driven by Officer Tommie Ison, who was attempting to turn around, struck Sgt. Kilgren's right knee with his push bumper. It knocked Sgt. Kilgren off balance but he was able to regain his footing and got back into his police vehicle.

By this time, the dirt bike had gotten onto Miller Avenue and was traveling south from 2nd Street. Sgt. Kilgren reentered the pursuit and followed while the vehicle drove south on Miller, running stop signs at 9th and 16th street.

At 26th and Miller the vehicle turned west and began

to travel down 26th Street. At Double H Plastics Manufacturing, 2548 W 26th, there was a train traveling south that was blocking 26th Street. The dirt bike came to the train and then began to drive parallel to the train going south in a freshly planted farmers field. The field was extremely muddy. The dirt bike was struggling to maintain traction.

Sgt. Kilgren was able to catch up to the vehicle and stayed behind and to the left of it. The dirt bike suddenly veered to the left away from the train, at which time Sgt. Kilgren inadvertently struck the dirt bike with the front of his vehicle, while traveling at a slow speed of approximately 5-10 mph.

Sgt. Kilgren exited his vehicle and took the suspect into custody. The suspect was transported to Marion General Hospital for medical clearance before he was taken to the Grant County Jail.

O'Banion was charged with resisting law enforcement with a motor vehicle and reckless driving. The bond was \$605 cash.

Sgt. Kilgren was treated and released from Marion General Hospital with minor abrasions.



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I enjoy being involved in my community. I serve on the Family Services Society Board and Hanfield United Methodist Church Staff Parish Relations Committee. I am a former member of the District 6 Access to Justice Pro Bono Committee, Grant County Chapter, former Legal Chairman for the United Way Campaign, and former member of the Board of Trustees of the Robert H. Faulkner Charter School. My wife Nicole and I are blessed to have two wonderful children - Addison and Austin - who are both 8th generation Grant County residents.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible on the campaign trail and hope to earn your vote as the Grant County Superior Court 3 Judge. It is my desire to give my best to the residents of Grant County and use my God-given abilities to serve the community I love.

Sincerely,
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