



## **News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office**

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### **Three Squad Cars Rammed Following Domestic Dispute**



**Tammy Caraway**



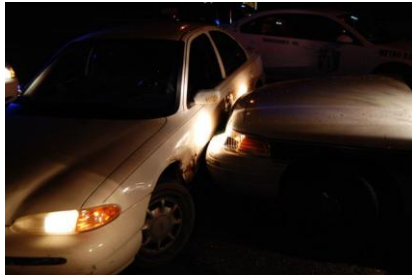
**Steven Black**

Three Sheriff's Deputies narrowly escaped injuries early today after a man rammed a vehicle into their squad cars near Raleigh.

Just after 12:30 a.m., a Sheriff's Deputy saw the man's car blocking the driveway of a service station at Austin Peay and Covington Pike. The car pulled off and went north on Austin Peay. The Deputy followed the car and then saw a woman in the passenger seat wave her arms out the window.

The Deputy turned on his blue lights and attempted to stop the vehicle. The man refused to stop and made a u-turn to go south on Austin Peay. Other Deputies joined in the pursuit. At Austin Peay and Covington Pike, the driver, Steven Black, 37, of Memphis, lost control of the vehicle and got stuck in the median. Deputies surrounded

the vehicle and Black rammed three squad cars causing minor damage. The Deputies were not hurt.



Black and the woman passenger were arrested. Investigators say Tammy Caraway, 41, of Bartlett, initially told Deputies she had been carjacked. Sheriff's detectives later learned the two knew each other and agreed to meet last night. Black told Deputies he and Caraway had an argument when Black refused to stop and buy more alcohol. Investigators say both appeared to have been drinking.

Both Caraway and Black face several charges. Black was charged with 3 counts of Aggravated Assault, Evading Arrest, Driving Under the Influence and other traffic charges. Caraway was charged with 3 counts of Felony Reckless Aggravated Assault, False Reporting and Public Intoxication.

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