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On 12/31/2013 at approximately 2036 hours Milton Police Officer Jason Porter stopped a vehicle in the parking lot of McDonald's for a defective light violation. Upon approaching the operator, the vehicle fled, traveling south on US Route 7. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle again but it accelerated to a high rate of speed. The road surface was snow covered and slippery at the time of this incident and officers discontinued their attempt to stop the vehicle.

The vehicle was found a short time later, after it had crashed and rolled onto its roof near the intersection of US Route 7 and West Milton Road. The operator had fled the scene of the crash on foot. The passenger was transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care and later released.

A male was located by an officer a short distance away and was detained for questioning.

Officer Porter and K-9 Hatchi conducted a track from the vehicle. K-9 Hatchi led Officer Porter to the male who had been detained. This male was determined to be the operator and was identified as Philip Pelkey, 34, of Milton.

Pelkey was arrested and lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility on the charges of Attempting to Elude Law Enforcement (Felony), Gross Negligent Operation (Felony), Driving with a Suspended License, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident. Alcohol and speed were factors in this crash. Investigation into a possible DUI charge is ongoing. Pelkey is also being issued several traffic tickets.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gordon J LaFountain", written over a horizontal line.

Corporal Gordon J LaFountain
Releasing Officer