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**FROM THE OFFICE OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY ATTORNEY DOUG JOHNSON**

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**WASHINGTON COUNTY CHARGES FILED ON
HIGH SPEED CHASE OUT OF EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN**

Washington County Attorney Doug Johnson announced today that his office has charged James Michael Pederson with Fleeing a Peace Officer, Theft of Motor Vehicle, and Bringing Stolen Goods into the State. Attached is a copy of the complaint. Mr. Pederson will make his first appearance in Court on January 5, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, Stillwater, Minnesota.

For further information, please contact Doug Johnson or Susan Harris at the Washington County Attorney's Office, 651-430-6115