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HANDGUNS RECOVERED DURING ARREST

Pittsburgh PA ---- Sheriff Kevin M. Kraus announced today that two handguns have been taken off the streets following a traffic stop on the South Side.

Deputies on routine patrol late Friday night observed a black SUV being driven in a reckless manner at the intersection of Spring Street and Arlington Avenue. Following a brief pursuit, a traffic stop was initiated at the Sunoco station at Arlington Avenue and 18th Street.

Deputies approached the vehicle which was being operated by an individual identified as 33-year-old Theodore Elliott of Bellevue. After learning that Elliott was on federal probation, deputies asked Elliott to exit the vehicle. After exiting the vehicle, Elliott refused commands to place his hands up to be patted down. Elliott continued to resist until deputies were able to control his hands. The subsequent search of his person revealed a Glock handgun on his left ankle and a small bag of suspected marijuana. Elliott then admitted there was a second handgun inside the vehicle at which point a Taurus handgun was recovered from the vehicle.

It was then determined that the Taurus had been stolen more than a year ago. Elliott was transported to the Allegheny County Jail where he is awaiting arraignment on a number of charges including drug and firearms violations.

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