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MAN WANTED AFTER BRANDISHING GUN AT DEPUTIES

Pittsburgh PA ---- Sheriff Kevin M. Kraus announced today that his office is actively searching for a man who brandished a handgun during an encounter with deputies Wednesday night.

31-year-old Jeremy Neal, who lists addresses in both Braddock and the West End of Pittsburgh, was approached by deputies shortly before 10:00pm Wednesday after the deputies noticed Neal involved in suspicious activity at the BP Station on East Carson Street. Prior to approaching Neal, the deputies confirmed his identity through his vehicle registration and also confirmed that Neal was wanted by Braddock Borough Police for a firearms violation.

As the deputies attempted to apprehend Neal, he produced a silver handgun from his coat pocket as he refused to exit the vehicle. Neal dropped the handgun onto the back seat of the vehicle and then reached for it again. Despite attempts to remove Neal from the vehicle, he put the vehicle in drive and fled at a high rate of speed. Neal then drove through a construction area on East Carson Street between 9th Street and 7th Street, hitting a trailer and a building and nearly striking two of the construction workers. After the deputies traveled around the construction area, they were unable to locate Neal's vehicle.

As a result of his actions, Neal is facing numerous charges including aggravated assault and should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone with information on Neal should contact the Sheriff's Office at (412) 350-4714.

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