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Media Release

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Reference: **Press Release: PDI20210890- Road Rage incident leads to crash and arrest**

On 10-02-2021 at 10:22pm, Grinnell Police officers were summoned to the area of 6th Avenue and Center Street on a reported motor vehicle accident where individuals on scene were now engaged in a physical altercation.

Investigation determined the incident began as a road rage situation when two separate vehicles being driven by a Raymond Willson, age 33 of Marshalltown, and Lamont Grice, age 50 of Grinnell, were traveling westbound on 1st Avenue near Main Street. Grice allegedly passed Willson and came to an abrupt stop, causing Willson to stop his vehicle. Grice allegedly exited his vehicle and approached Willson's in a confrontational manner. Willson fled the scene and drove to the Almost Always Open gas station parking lot, 1031 West Street, in Grinnell. Grice allegedly drove his motor vehicle into the parking lot and intentionally struck Willson's vehicle. Willson drove to get away from Grice, exiting the Almost Always Open parking lot onto 6th Avenue and proceeded westbound, Grice followed and continued to pursue. Near the intersection of 6th Avenue and Center Street, Grice struck Willson's vehicle for a second time causing Willson to lose control and leave the roadway, impacting the front porch area of a residence in the 300 block of 6th Avenue. Grice's vehicle left the roadway from the impact, coming to rest in the front yard area of a residence. Grice exited his vehicle and approached Willson again, this time carrying a small baseball bat. Willson fled to a nearby neighbor's residence and called police.

As a result of this investigation Lamont Grice was arrested and charged with:

- three counts of Assault with a deadly weapon, an Aggravated Misdemeanor
- Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree, a Class D Felony
- Reckless Driving, a simple misdemeanor.

Grice was taken into custody and transported to the Poweshiek County Jail. No one sustained injuries from this incident. Both motor vehicles sustained major damage and were towed from the scene.

Anyone with additional information on this incident is encouraged to contact the Grinnell Police Department.

Police Captain Christopher Wray

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.