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NEWS RELEASE

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The Hancock County Sheriff's Office reports the arrest of Bergis F. Root, 45, of Hamilton on charges of Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding Police, Aggravated Driving Under the Influence and Criminal Damage to Government Supported Property.

On May 3rd, 2020 at about 10:30pm, Root was driving a pickup truck southbound on 900 East, North of Hamilton when he was stopped by deputies. Root then fled the scene, driving at a high rate of speed. Root was stopped a couple minutes later in Hamilton, again by deputies and he was taken into custody. No person was injured during the incident but two sheriff's vehicles received moderate damage.

Root's bail was set at \$50,000.00 and he was given a court date of May 22, 2020. He currently remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail.

Hamilton Police Dept. assisted with the incident.

All subjects are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.