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Child Located Safely after Child Abduction – Suspect Deceased

McSherrystown, PA – On March 20, 2024 at approximately 0945 hours, McSherrystown Police Department was dispatched to the 600 block of North St., McSherrystown Borough, Adams County for a report of a child abduction involving a firearm.

It was learned that James Lee Kopp Jr, 53 years old, McSherrystown PA, abducted a 12-year-old female at gunpoint from her property and fled the scene. A BOLO (be on the lookout) was immediately broadcast to all local law enforcement agencies in the area and the Amber Alert process was initiated. Within minutes, a Conewago Police Officer observed the vehicle in the 5600 block of Hanover Rd, Conewago Twp., and a pursuit ensued with the assistance of Pennsylvania State Police- Gettysburg.

The pursuit lasted for approximately two miles before Kopp traveled off the roadway into a field in the 1300 block of Littlestown Rd, where his vehicle became disabled. Kopp obtained his firearm and shot himself inside the vehicle. Kopp was pronounced dead at the scene from the self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The 12-year-old victim was not injured and was reunited with her family.

An Amber Alert was actively being pursued, however, ultimately not issued due to the incident being resolved so expediently.

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