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For immediate release:

A Lima man was taken into custody by Hardin County Sheriff's deputies and faces numerous charges following an incident Thursday evening.

At approximately 7:35pm while on routine patrol on Ohio 309 near County Road 15 a deputy observed a traffic violation of a vehicle driven being driven west on 309. Upon signaling the vehicle to stop, it continued off the road traveling around a residence and outbuildings into a field. Upon approaching the vehicle in the field, the driver, identified as Michael Parsons age 31 of Lima, exited the car and was taken into custody by deputies.

Because of witness statements indicating there may have been 2 occupants in the vehicle, a search ensued for a possible second person. K9 units from the Hardin County Sheriff's Office, and Lima Police Department, along with an aviation unit from the Ohio Highway Patrol assisted in the search. No other persons were found and it was later determined that the driver was the lone occupant of the vehicle.

Parsons was transported to the Multi County Correctional Center in Marion where he is being lodged. He faces charges including failure to comply with the order or signal of a police officer, improperly handling firearms in a vehicle and tampering with evidence.

The Ada Police Department and Allen County Sheriff's Office assisted Hardin County Deputies at the scene along with Lima PD and Ohio Highway Patrol.