

Teen facing felony charge for Magnolia motorcycle pursuit

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A 16-year-old motorcyclist who allegedly led police on a high-speed chase near Magnolia Tuesday could be charged with felony evading arrest. Police say the teen, whose name was not released because he is a minor, refused to pull over when a DPS trooper clocked him going 95 mph on FM 1488 near Magnolia Tuesday. The teen instead took off, according to DPS Sgt. Erik Burse.

Now, the Montgomery County Attorney's Office, which prosecutes juvenile cases, plans on charging the teen with a felony, according to Montgomery County Attorney J D Lambright. "As soon as we get the offense report," Lambright said, "we'll get a court order directive to apprehend."

Burse said the teen tried to make a turn but lost control as the pursuit came to an end. He fell off, Burse said, before the pursuing trooper's vehicle ran into the motorcycle. The teen refused medical treatment on scene, Burse said.

"We know the speeds got up approaching 100 mph," Lambright said. "There could be additional charges." Unless the County Attorney's Office is inclined to prosecute the teen as an adult, he will not likely see any prison time, Lambright said.

Tuesday's chase comes about six months after a 12-year-old girl led Conroe police on a high-speed chase in her grandmother's stolen car on Texas 105. Lambright said that girl is fulfilling conditions of probation.