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BURGLARY SUSPECT HIT BY CAR WHILE FLEEING SCENE

A 32-year old Crestview man was hit by a car Tuesday while trying to run away from the scene of a residential burglary.

The victim says when he came home to 5932 North Highway 85 in Crestview around 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning, he noticed a silver car backed up to his car port. When he went inside, a friend spotted several males running out the front door. They gave chase and one of the suspected burglars, later identified as John Donald Bell of East Griffith Avenue in Crestview, was hit by a car as he tried to cross Highway 85. At least two other individuals ran into nearby woods.

Deputies responding to calls of a traffic crash found Bell in the median with severe trauma to his right leg. Property believed stolen from the homeowner was found on the ground nearby. Bell was taken by medical helicopter to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola. The investigation is continuing and charges are pending.

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