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Expedition, that Johnson drove with reckless abandon through Blairsville and West on Georgia 515 on Wednesday, Aug. 29th.

Johnson led authorities to a residence in Sonoraville where they executed a search warrant and arrested a 20-year-old Sandy Springs man. The residence was being used to manufacture methamphetamine, state and local authorities said.

In a joint investigation along with the GBI, Georgia State Patrol, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Union County Sheriff's Office, and Gordon County sheriff's detectives and deputies, executed a search warrant at a private residence on the Fairmount Highway in Sonoraville.

Union County Sheriff Scott Stephens said that the man arrested in Sonoraville, Alexis Renteria Maldonado, is linked to the notorious Mexican Drug Cartel.

Johnson and Fair both have been indicted in Union County for trafficking methamphetamine, tampering with evidence, felony possession of marijuana, and possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. The tampering with evidence charges stem from both tossing marijuana and methamphetamine out of the moving vehicle during the chase in August, court records show.

Johnson also has been indicted for obstruction, fleeing/attempt to elude and reckless driving, Union County Superior Court records show.

Meanwhile, Reece who allegedly led authorities in Cherokee County, NC, Union County

sheriff's deputies, Blairsville Police, Georgia State Patrol and White County sheriff's deputies on a wild chase that had him clocked at 107 mph in a 55 mph zone in Union County in June, faces a seven-count indictment in Union County.

Reece faces charges of felony aggravated assault, two counts fleeing/attempt to elude officers, reckless conduct, reckless driving, driving on a suspended license and speeding, Union County Superior Court records show.

The chase began on June 14th in North Carolina where deputies chased Reece to the intersection of Highway 64 and U.S. 129. North Carolina authorities tried to ticket him for speeding. He ignored them, state and local authorities said.

As he turned his BMW toward Union County, North Carolina authorities continued their pursuit to the Georgia line, where Union County sheriff's Lt. Chad Deyton picked up the chase, Union County Sheriff Stephens said.

"Lt. Deyton pursued while other Union County deputies tried to block his path," Sheriff Stephens said.

Reece ran several drivers off the road, sometimes almost hitting them head on, Lt. Deyton said.

Reece made it all the way to White County with law enforcement hot on his trail. There, he encountered traffic near Testanee Gap Road. He passed a car on the double yellow line, Lt. Deyton said.

"That's where it gets odd," Lt. Deyton said. "He drove so well through all those curves (on the mountain) and then when he hits a straight and passes another vehicle, he lost it when he tried to get back in his lane."

Union and White county authorities, the Georgia State Pa-

trol and ADA Jeremy Clough with the Enotah Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office were there on the scene when Reece crashed and was taken into custody.

He also faces charges in North Carolina and in White County, authorities said.

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ing a controlled substance;

Steven Brandon Loudermilk, possession of methamphetamine;

Teresa Marie Loudermilk, possession of methamphetamine;

Curtis Neil Mason, four counts violation of Georgia's Controlled Substance Act;

Harley Maverick Mad-dox, violation of Georgia's Controlled Substance Act;

Michael David Millwood, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, possession of methamphetamine, misdemeanor possession of marijuana;

Stephen Carlton Queen, possession of methamphetamine;

Francis Anthony Rescigna, terroristic threats, aggravated assault;

Lori Lynn Smith, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, possession of

methamphetamine, misdemeanor possession of marijuana;

Rondall Hanes Stroud, possession of contraband by an inmate;

Jennifer Rai Turner, manufacture methamphetamine, attempt to violate the Georgia Controlled Substance Act – manufacture methamphetamine, presence of a child during manufacture of methamphetamine;

James Paul Weaver, aggravated assault; simple assault; simple battery;

Jamie Alan Wheatley, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, DUI controlled substance;

Matthew Walter Williams, distribution of methamphetamine;

Shawana Elizabeth Wilson, distribution of methamphetamine.