



# ***NEWS RELEASE***

**MICHIGAN STATE POLICE**

## **MSP Canine Team Tracks Woman Through Several Miles of Swamp and Woods**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Date: May 4, 2024**

**MANISTEE COUNTY, MI.** On Friday, May 3, 2024, at approximately 3:45 p.m. troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Cadillac Post were called to crash involving a car and a bicyclist on Kurick Road near Dzuibanek Road in Springdale Township. The driver of the car, a 35-year-old woman from Benzonia, struck a bicyclist and fled the scene on foot. When troopers arrived, they spoke with a 41-year-old Traverse City woman who initially claimed to be the driver. She later admitted she was the passenger. The driver had a warrant for her arrest and fled the scene. Troopers searched the vehicle and found methamphetamine and a stun gun.

An MSP Canine Team was called to the scene and a perimeter was established. The canine and his handler tracked the woman through approximately five miles of swamp and thick forest. She was arrested when she exited the woods along a roadway to awaiting officers. She was arrested and lodged in the Manistee County Jail pending arraignment.

The bicyclist, a 73-year-old woman from Thompsonville, was transported to Munson Medical Center in Frankfort for non-life-threatening injuries. Troopers were assisted by officers from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.