A Conjoined Community Effort

On Wednesday Nov 12th at approximately 8:15pm, Fitzgerald Community Watch member Dave Dorsey noticed a white pickup truck driving the neighborhood at a high rate of speed. The driver of the truck lost control of the vehicle at the 5300 block of New York Ave and came to a stop in the front yard of a residence. As the driver fled the area, the vehicle then fractured a gas line and knocked over a stop sign.

Mr. Dorsey followed the suspect vehicle at a safe distance until it stopped at a nearby Dollar Tree store. Mr. Dorsey then asked the Dollar Tree clerk to call 911. Arlington police officers responded and the suspect was taken into custody.

Unfortunately, the ruptured gas line caused numerous families to be evacuated from their homes. Fitzgerald C.O.P. coordinator Pat Struble came across a neighbor who had just arrived home, only to find out that she could not enter her residence. Pat brought the lady into her residence, fed her and gave her a place to stay until the gas line had been repaired.

"Having a Community Watch in the neighborhood does make a difference," Pat stated. In the end, the bad guy got caught and neighbors pulled together to assist each other through a potentially unsafe incident.