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Vehicle Passenger Attempts to Slash Bicyclist with a Knife

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On June 23, 2019, Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a complaint from a bicyclist who said a passing motorist tried to cut him with a knife while he was riding west on Northwest Hornecker Road, near Northwest Leisy Road, in Unincorporated Washington County

According to the bicyclist, a 2001 Toyota Corolla approached him from the rear while he was riding on the right side of the road on June 22 at 2:10 p.m. The bicyclist said the Corolla did not move to the center of the road to give the bicyclist room as it passed. The bicyclist felt the Corolla get closer to him as it went by him. The bicycle had two cameras attached to it during the incident; one facing forward and the other facing the rear.

The bicyclist reviewed the video when he got home and realized the male sitting in the front passenger seat of the Corolla stuck his right arm out the window and had a knife in his hand. The bicyclist told deputies he thought the passenger was trying to slash him.

Deputies later reviewed the video and noticed the Corolla initially began to move to the center of the road when it was approximately 100 feet behind the suspect but then changed the angle of the car towards the bicyclist. In the video, deputies can see the passenger put his right arm out the window with a knife in his hand as the Corolla gets closer to the bicyclist. The passenger raises his hand towards the bicyclist and exposes the knives' blade as the vehicle passes dangerously close to the bicyclist. Once the vehicle passes, the passenger pulls the knife and his arm back into the vehicle.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (503) 846-2700.

Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnkfyX2wz_Q



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