



## CITY OF CORNELIUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Media Release

#### Wanted Felon Leads Cornelius Deputies on Pursuit, Later Found Hiding on Roof

December 20, 2017 – A felon wanted from two different incidents lead deputies on a vehicle pursuit in Cornelius. He was later located hiding on a stranger's roof.

On December 20, 2017, at 9:28 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies serving the City of Cornelius observed a wanted felon driving near the intersection of North Davis Street and North 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Cornelius.

Deputies knew the driver, 26-year-old Jose Hernandez-Martinez of Cornelius, was [wanted for running from a crash scene in Aloha on July 6](#). He was also being sought for leading Cornelius deputies on a July 30 vehicle pursuit.



As deputies attempted to stop Mr. Hernandez-Martinez's vehicle, he failed to pull over and a pursuit ensued. The chase spanned 10 blocks until Mr. Hernandez-Martinez exited his vehicle and fled on foot.

Shortly after, an alert community member spotted Mr. Hernandez-Martinez hiding on a roof about three blocks from where he had run. Corporal Micah Akin and his partner, K-9 Stark, along with the Forest Grove Police Department, assisted in the search.

For charges spanning three separate incidents, Mr. Hernandez-Martinez was arrested for three counts of attempt to elude, two counts of reckless driving, two counts of driving while criminally suspended, hit and run, recklessly endangering another, and a parole violation. He is being held at the Washington County Jail. Additional charges are possible as the investigation continues.

