



## CITY OF CORNELIUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Media Release

#### Man Located by Sheriff's K9 Team after Fleeing Crash Scene

April 7, 2018 – Last night, a man was located by a sheriff's K9 team after he fled on foot from a crash scene and tried to hide. He was arrested and charged with multiple crimes.

On Friday, April 6, 2018, at 10:11 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies serving the City of Cornelius responded to a report of a hit and run crash at S Cherry and S 28<sup>th</sup> Street. Witnesses reported that the driver fled the scene on foot.



Deputies located a 2016 Dodge Ram that had collided with several trees and become disabled. The investigation revealed that speed played a factor in the crash.

Cpl. Micah Akin and K9 "Stark" tracked east and located the suspect, who was hiding near a home on SW 345<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He was arrested and identified as Martin S. Beals, 44, of Cornelius.

Mr. Beals is charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, failure to perform duties of a driver when property is damaged and probation violation.

