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Suspect Who Dragged North Plains Officer During Traffic Stop Arrested

January 21, 2019

On Monday, January 21, 2019, at 1:42 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a residence in the 2000 block of Southwest 209th Court in Aloha. Deputies were told that William Callaway, who was wanted for dragging a North Plains Police officer while fleeing a traffic stop, was at the residence. While responding, deputies were told that Mr. Callaway had stolen a family member's wallet and ran out of the house.

Deputies, with the assistance of Hillsboro Police Officer Denise Lemen-Sipp and her partner, K-9 Dozer, began searching for the suspect. K-9 Dozer tracked to a sweatshirt that Mr. Callaway had removed while fleeing. At 2:27 p.m., a deputy located Mr. Callaway in the area of Southwest 198th Avenue and Southwest Alexander Street and took him into custody.

Deputies arrested William Callaway, 32, of Aloha, on charges of third-degree theft and an outstanding Clackamas County arrest warrant. North Plains Police charged Mr. Callaway with the following charges related to the January 15 incident:

- Third-degree assault
- Eluding in a vehicle
- Failure to perform the duties of a driver
- Reckless driving
- Giving false information to police officer
- Reckless endangering

Body camera video from the North Plains Police incident will be released at a later date. Their original media release is below.



North Plains Police Officer Dragging By Fleeing Vehicle During Traffic Stop

January 15, 2019

On Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 5:07 p.m., a North Plains Police officer initiated a traffic stop on a blue 1990 Honda Accord driving recklessly on eastbound Highway 26 near the Northwest 185th



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Avenue exit. The officer had been traveling to Beaverton for follow-up on an investigation.

During the traffic stop, the driver provided officers with the name and date of birth of another person. When officers attempted to arrest him for reckless driving and providing false information, the driver started his vehicle and drove away at a high rate of speed.

As the vehicle was fleeing, an officer was dragged about 10 feet and knocked to the ground. As he fell to the pavement, the officer's foot was run over by the fleeing vehicle.

The injured officer and the assisting officers were able to get back into their vehicle and pursue the fleeing vehicle. During the pursuit, the suspect drove in the emergency lane at a high rate of speed without its headlights on. Due to safety concerns and heavy traffic, officers terminated the pursuit near the Northwest Murray Boulevard exit.

The injured officer was transported by ambulance to Providence St. Vincent Medical Center with minor injuries and was later released.

This is an ongoing investigation and the North Plains Police Department is asking anyone who witnessed this incident to call Washington County non-emergency dispatch at (503) 629-0111.

Officers were assisted during the investigation by deputies with the Washington County Sheriff's Office.



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