

MEDIA RELEASE

Deputies Capture Wanted Suspect from Columbia County

May 28, 2019

On May 28, 2019, Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies were able to capture a wanted suspect from Columbia County. Around 4:15 p.m., deputies were notified that Columbia City Police and Oregon State Police were pursuing a red Dodge Caravan with Alaska plates speeding down NW Logie Trail from Highway 30.

The van was headed south towards Hillsboro when police terminated their pursuit as they approached the more densely populated area. Deputies attempted to stop the suspect twice using spike strips, but the suspect was able to drive onto Highway 26 and head east towards Portland.

After hitting rush hour traffic, deputies tracked the suspect as he made his way to the NW Bethany Blvd Exit and drove south into Beaverton. At about 4:45 p.m., deputies attempted to box the suspect in, but he continued driving down SW 170th Avenue, missing a curve in the road and crashing into a tree near SW Kattegat Drive.

One Sheriff's Office vehicle was damaged during the incident.

The suspect, Robert Townsend, 56, was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries.

He now faces several charges, including attempted assault on a peace officer, attempt to elude and criminal mischief.

For information on the incidents prior to the events that took place in Washington County, please contact the Columbia City Police and the Oregon State Police.



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