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Canine Deputy Locates Assault Suspect Hiding Near Beaverton Creek

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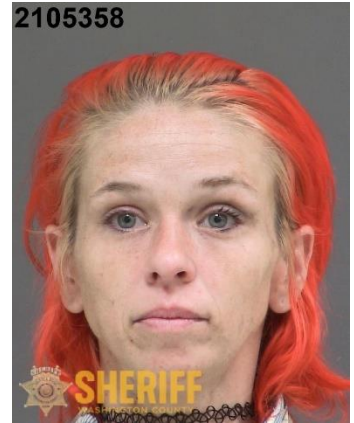
On Saturday, July 17, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to an assault call near the area of SW 197th Ave. and SW Baseline Rd. This area is part of the [Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District \(ESPD\)](#).

Deputies determined 35-year-old Judith Bezzant hit another female in the head with the blunt end of a hatchet during an argument. Bezzant fled on foot as deputies began arriving in the area. Sgt. O'Reilly, and his canine partner, Radar, began searching for Bezzant, who was last seen near Beaverton Creek.

The canine track led deputies north through Beaverton Creek to where Bezzant was hiding in tall grass along the creekbank. Bezzant was arrested for assault in the second degree and several outstanding warrants. She was lodged in the Washington County Jail.

During the canine track, Sgt. O'Reilly was wearing a body camera. A portion of the video from the canine track can be found [here](#).

The [Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District \(ESPD\)](#) provides law enforcement services for more than 215,000 residents in the urban areas outside of cities in Washington County, including Bethany, Cedar Mill, Cedar Hills, Aloha, Reedville, Garden Home, Metzger, Rock Creek, Raleigh Hills, Bull Mountain, Bonny Slope, West Slope, Oak Hills, and more. Voters first approved the ESPD in 1987 and all local option levies since then.



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