

MEDIA RELEASE

North Plains Public Works Vacuum Truck Stolen. Suspect Arrested.

January 7, 2022

On Friday, January 7, 2022, at 1:09 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies serving the City of North Plains responded to North Plains Public Works at 31360 NW Commercial Street and were told a city vacuum truck had been stolen. A witness saw the truck drive through a gate at North Plains Public Works and followed it northbound on NW Mountaindale Road. Shortly after, the truck went off the road and got stuck in a field near NW Mountaindale Road and NW Old Pumpkin Ridge Road.

The witness saw a male get out of the vehicle and run back towards the city. The witness was on the phone with 911 dispatch and described the suspect and the direction he was running. Deputies, including a Washington County canine unit, got to the scene and searched for the suspect.

During the search, the suspect entered the garage of a residential home on the east side of North Plains Elementary School and stole the keys to a Ford F-350. He also entered another vehicle at the residence before stealing the F-350. A deputy searching for the suspect saw the Ford F-350 driving in the area without its lights but unfortunately lost sight of it.

Another deputy searching for the suspect came across a female who claimed to be searching for her boyfriend, Benjamin Feigert, who was last seen walking their dog in the area.

A deputy at North Plains Public Works said he had located an abandoned German shepherd at the location. Deputies suspected Feigert was the suspect who stole the vacuum truck.

Deputies went to Feigert's home, which is within the city of North Plains, and contacted him. After speaking to Feigert, deputies showed a picture of Feigert to a witness who saw him steal the vacuum truck from North Plains Public Works. The witness confirmed Feigert was the one who stole the vacuum truck. Deputies arrested Feigert.

Following the arrest, deputies continued their investigation and discovered Feigert entered three other vehicles at North Plains Public Works, along with entering a pump house. They also found out the stolen F-350 that they had seen earlier was located at the Jessie Mays Community Park at 30975 NW Hillcrest Street. Jessie Mays Community Park is less than a block from Feigert's residence.

Feigert was lodged in the Washington County Jail on the following charges:

- Burglary in the first degree
- Aggravated theft in the first degree
- Burglary in the second degree
- Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle
- Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle X4



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