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PRESS RELEASE

Deputies Arrest Man in Stolen Car and Recover Stolen Guns

January 1, 2014—A Deputy Sheriff located a stolen vehicle with a sleeping driver. The driver awoke and drove the vehicle into a concrete planter. The driver was arrested and stolen property was recovered including firearms.

On December 31, 2013, at 7:59 p.m., a Washington County Deputy Sheriff received a call from a concerned citizen reporting that a man she knew as "Zach" told her that he was going to commit a crime. She described Zach driving a stolen late model maroon Toyota sedan. She also informed Sheriff's Deputies that Zach said he had a stolen rifle he would use in the commission of a crime if necessary. Deputies were able to identify the man as Zachery Mayes who has previously been in the Washington County Jail 25 times.

Multiple deputies searched the area for Mr. Mayes to prevent further crimes and investigate any possible current ones. On December 31, 2013, at 11:56 p.m., a Deputy Sheriff located a vehicle matching the description of the stolen Toyota parked at SW Marlin Drive at SW Farmington Road in the community of Aloha. A check of the license plate confirmed the 2013 Toyota Camry was stolen out of Washington County. As the deputy approached, he saw the driver appeared to be unconscious. Through the open door, the deputy saw a rifle wedged between the driver's seat and the lower door sill.

As the Deputy Sheriff waited for additional deputies, the driver woke up and sped eastbound in the Camry on SW Farmington Road. The deputy turned on his lights and siren in an attempt to stop the fleeing vehicle. The driver refused to stop and was actively attempting to avoid law enforcement. After about three blocks, the driver swerved toward a responding Deputy Sheriff, then in the opposite direction crashing into a concrete planter in the front yard of 19330 SW Farmington Road.

The crash rendered the Camry disabled. The driver and only occupant attempted to flee on foot but he surrendered to the numerous deputies now on scene. Deputies were able to take the driver, indentified as Zachery Mayes, 32, a transient, into custody without further incident. There were no injuries or damage to other vehicles during the incident.

Deputy Sheriff's found three stolen rifles including the loaded rifle next to the driver's seat. They also found a stolen \$1,500 bicycle and other potentially stolen items.

Zachery Mayes was lodged in the Washington County Jail. He is charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Attempt to Elude a Police Officer, Felon in Possession of a Weapon, Reckless Driving, and Possession of Methamphetamine. He is held on \$100,000 bail. Additional charges are possible as the investigation continues.