



PRESS RELEASE

Bull Terrorizes Cornelius Residents

January 19, 2015--Washington County Sheriff's Deputies serving the City of Cornelius were assisted by additional Sheriff's Deputies with a loose 800-pound bull in the city. One man was injured before the bull could be dispatched.

On January 19, 2015 at about 11:30 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call of a loose Charolais bull in the area of North 29th and Highway 8 in the City of Cornelius. It was reported that seven bulls broke out of a damaged fence from a ranch in the 33000 block of Highway 8 last night. The seven bulls reportedly caused damage at a business at the west end of Hillsboro before disappearing into the night. This morning, six bulls found their way home and the reported sighting was the missing bull.



The bull moved its way into several Cornelius neighborhoods crashing through yards as Sheriff's Deputies attempted to guide the animal back to the ranch. The bull was disoriented and was continuing to elude Sheriff's Deputies in a path covering about a mile radius through the city and surrounding farm land.

At about 2:00 p.m., the bull fixated on and began to charge Augustine

(Morgan) White, 23, outside of Mr. White's residence at the 2700 block of North Davis Court. When the bull began charging, Mr. White first attempted to intimidate the bull by raising his arms and standing as tall as possible. Realizing this was not working, Mr. White started to run away as the bull continued to charge. The bull knocked Mr. White down to the asphalt driveway then ran a different direction. Morgan White was treated and released at a local hospital. Fortunately, he only received bruising of the ribs and extensive abrasions.



The bull was once again cornered by Sheriff's Deputies in the 300 block of North 29th Avenue. The bull's owner had called a local