



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Sheriff's K9 Tracks Two Suspects on July 4th

**July 5, 2015**— On July 4, 2015, Sheriff's K9 Stark assisted deputies in tracking down two suspects in two separate incidents, both after a short pursuit. Both suspects were arrested and taken to jail.

On July 4, 2015 - Washington County Deputies captured two men who attempted to elude. With the assistance of K9 Stark, both suspects were located after they fled on foot after exiting a car.

At 5:44 p.m., a Washington County Deputy serving the City of Cornelius performed a traffic stop of a suspect vehicle involved in thefts from vehicle at Hagg Lake earlier in the day. The driver pulled into the Cornelius Walmart parking lot, parked and fled on foot from his vehicle. After a short K9 track, Kasim Hawash, 32, of Hillsboro was arrested for several crimes. Several items that appeared to have been stolen were located in the stolen car driven by Mr. Hawash. Mr. Hawash was lodged in the Washington County Jail on charges and warrants for Possession of Stolen Vehicle, Attempt to Elude, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle x 2, Identity Theft, Fraudulent Use of Credit Card, Theft I x 2, and Criminal Mischief.



Kasim Hawash

Michael Mast

At 8:54 p.m., a Washington County deputy observed a vehicle run a red light directly in front of him at the intersection of SW Schools Ferry Road and SW Murray Blvd. The deputy attempted a traffic stop and the driver fled. After a short pursuit, the driver stopped and fled on foot. After a short canine track by K9 Stark, Michael Mast, 45, of Portland was arrested near Jesuit High School. Mr. Mast was lodged at the Washington County Jail on charges and warrants for Attempted to Elude, Unlawful Use of Motor

Vehicle, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering, Unlawful Possession of Meth and Identity Theft.