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PRESS RELEASE

Sheriff's Canine "Chase" Tracks Down and Captures Fugitive

Case#50-162330262

On August 20, 2016 at approximately 3:47 a.m., 22-year-old Joshua Ray Dow escaped from the Washington County Community Corrections Center (WCCCC) by climbing out a window. The WCCCC is a transitional facility and generally houses inmates who have been sentenced for low-level crimes. The facility allows its residents to leave during the day to seek employment, attend substance abuse treatment, etc.



Local law enforcement agencies were alerted to Mr. Dow's escape. At 5:49 a.m., Deputy Michael Zaugg spotted Mr. Dow at a bus stop at Baseline Street and N 29th Avenue in the city of Cornelius. When Deputy Zaugg stopped to contact Mr. Dow, Mr. Dow ran. Deputies assigned to the city of Cornelius responded to assist with containing Mr. Dow to a smaller area.

Deputy Zaugg's canine partner, "Chase" tracked Mr. Dow until Mr. Dow climbed a fence near the Cornelius Cinemas and was taken into custody by a sheriff's sergeant

at 6:08 a.m.

Prior to his escape, Mr. Dow had been in custody since August 4, 2016 on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Criminal Trespass I and Theft III. He is now charged with Escape II and a parole detainer, held without bail at the Washington County Jail.

