



PRESS RELEASE

Case# 13-514630

Reckless Driver Arrested for Attempting to Elude Deputies

October 4, 2013—Sheriff's Deputies stopped a vehicle that was driven dangerously. The driver refused to stop. Deputies were able to successfully arrest the driver after she drove 27 miles while missing a tire.

On October 3, 2013 at about 9:00 p.m., a Sheriff's Deputy was in Beaverton and saw a 1999 Volkswagen being driven erratically and getting very close to other vehicles. The driver would make abrupt turns and stops for no apparent reason. The deputy was concerned the driver was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The deputy attempted to perform a traffic stop to investigate the circumstances. The driver stopped at SW Hocken Avenue and SW Millikan Way then suddenly sped off.

The vehicle drove north to Highway 26 then headed westbound. At Highway 26 close to NW Brookwood Avenue, another deputy was able to successfully deploy "spike strips" and flattened the Volkswagen's left front tire. The Volkswagen continued westbound on Highway 26 as the tire and wheel began to disintegrate. The Volkswagen began to leak fluids and was emitting sparks from the suspension and undercarriage. Deputies were concerned the driver was going to injure someone if the vehicle was not stopped.

Additional deputies assisted to attempt to safely stop the vehicle. The Volkswagen drove 27 miles westbound on Highway 26 with three tires until a deputy was able to successfully perform a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT). The PIT is designed to spin the fleeing vehicle around to stop the forward progression. At this time the Volkswagen was driving 30 MPH westbound in the eastbound lanes of Highway 26.



Once the vehicle was spun around, the driver rapidly accelerated head-on into a deputy's patrol vehicle causing minor damage. As the driver, Jennifer Winklebleck, 43, of Beaverton was being arrested, deputies saw flames coming from under the vehicle's hood. Deputies were able to use their fire extinguishers to put out the fire. No one was injured during the incident. Alcohol was not a factor in this incident. It is unknown at this time what caused Ms. Winklebleck to drive in such a reckless manner.

Jennifer Winklebleck was lodged in the Washington County Jail. She was charged with Attempting to Elude, Second Degree Attempted Assault, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering, Attempted Assault on a Police Officer, and Criminal Mischief. She is held on \$40,000 bail. There are additional charges possible as the investigation continues.