

MEDIA RELEASE

Impaired Driver Captured by Beaverton K-9 After Fleeing Crash

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On Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 5:47 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a vehicle crash at the intersection of Southwest Bald Peak Road and Southwest Laurelwood Road in unincorporated Washington County.

As a deputy was arriving, a black 2011 Chevrolet Camaro, with significant front end damage as a result of crashing into a road sign, was seen leaving the area. Three people were seen chasing it down the road on foot. The vehicle then crashed a second time, first into a guard rail and finally into a ditch. The driver fled on foot through densely-forested and steep terrain.



Beaverton Police Officer Brian Gaunt and his partner, K-9 Ike, responded to assist. K-9 Ike tracked the suspect for 30 minutes through heavy brush, ultimately locating him hiding under a tree.

The suspect, 21-year-old Luis Alcazar-Tapia of Hillsboro, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless endangering, second-degree criminal mischief, hit and run, resisting arrest, and driving while criminally suspended. He sustained minor injuries as the result of a dog bite, and was evaluated at a local hospital prior to being transported to the Washington County Jail.



The three individuals seen chasing the vehicle are believed to have been passengers when it crashed, and were left behind by the suspect when deputies began arriving. Two of those three individuals, ages 14 and 15, were located and found to not be injured. The third individual was not located.



Officer Brian Gaunt & K-9 Ike
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