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Impaired Driver Captured by Beaverton K-9 After Fleeing Crash

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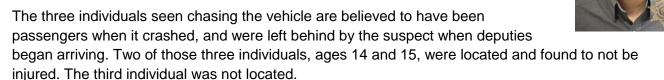
On Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 5:47 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a vehicle crash at the intersection of Southwest Bald Peak Road and Southwest Laurelwood Road in unincorporated Washington County.

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 lke, responded to assist. K-9 lke 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.





Officer Brian Gaunt & K-9 Ike Photo courtesy: Beaverton PD



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