## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Suspected Drunk Driver Eludes Deputies, Located Later With 100lbs of Marijuana in Vehicle.

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On Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 12:41 am, a Washington County Sheriff's Office deputy located a black Lexus failing to maintain their lane on Highway 26 eastbound near the Cedar Hills Blvd exit. The deputy initiated a traffic stop for the violation and reasonable suspicion of drunk driving. The driver of the vehicle stopped and was contacted by the deputy, who observed multiple signs of impairment. The driver provided the deputy a false name and date of birth, and after being questioned, took off from the traffic stop, striking the deputy with the vehicle. The deputy did not sustain any injuries.

Later deputies were able to confirm the identity of the driver as Jesus Daniel Garcia, 26, of Beaverton, Oregon.

At 5:00 am, deputies were dispatched to an apartment complex for a domestic disturbance in the 17300 block of SW Jay Street in Aloha. Deputies located the black Lexus that eluded deputies earlier in the parking lot and located the driver, Mr. Garcia, inside of an apartment.

Mr. Garcia was lodged in the Washington County Jail on the following charges:

- Driving under the influence of intoxicants
- Attempt to elude police officer in vehicle
- Reckless driving
- False information to police officer
- · Attempted assault on public safety officer
- Driving while suspended
- Resisting arrest

During the investigation, deputies located over 100lbs of Marijuana in Mr. Garcia's vehicle, along with packaging material for distribution. Additional charges are pending.

It should be noted that Mr. Garcia has pending charges from an arrest on February 3, 2020, following a hit and run investigation in Aloha, Oregon. Mr. Garcia was lodged at the Washington County Jail on the following charges related to that incident.

- Unlawful delivery of cocaine
- Unlawful possession of cocaine
- Driving under the influence of intoxicants
- Reckless driving
- Criminal mischief in the second degree x3
- Failure to perform duties of a driver (hit and run) x3
- Criminal trespass in the second degree



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