



PRESS RELEASE

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DUI Driver Crashes into Parked Van

January 31, 2016 - Washington County Sheriff's Deputies serving the City of Cornelius responded to a hit and run crash involving a parked van. The investigation led them to a Cornelius man who deputies arrested for DUI.

On January 30, 2016 at 9:19 p.m., Deputies responded to a hit and run on South Dogwood Street in Cornelius. A witness described hearing the crash and seeing a red pickup truck with a canopy driving away.

A few minutes later, dispatch received a call from John Nelson, 46, of Cornelius reporting he was in a crash and the other vehicle left the scene. Deputies responded to Mr. Nelson's home, also on South Dogwood Street. The damage to his pickup was consistent with hitting the parked van just down the street.

As deputies investigated, they determined Mr. Nelson was intoxicated and was responsible for crashing into the parked van. He also fled the scene of the crash and called in a false report.

Mr. Nelson was arrested for DUI, Reckless Driving, Hit and Run, Criminal Mischief II and Initiating a False Report.

