



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Case #14-518505

Deputies Capture Man after Fleeing on Stolen Motorcycle

November 27, 2014 - A Sheriff's Deputy attempted to stop a stolen motorcycle that refused to yield to him, the man was ultimately arrested.

On November 26, 2014, at 8:12 p.m., a Washington County Deputy Sheriff saw a 2007 Kawasaki motorcycle with blue glowing lights traveling on SW Murray Boulevard near SW Walker Road. When the deputy attempted to stop the motorcycle, the rider sped westbound on SW Walker Road. The deputy was using his lights and siren as he attempted to stop the motorcycle. The rider refused to stop and was actively attempting to avoid law enforcement.



**Christopher
Baumgardner**

The deputy followed the motorcycle down a dead end road off of SW 170th Avenue and SW Merlo Road. The rider drove into a driveway, dropped the motorcycle, and ran through the residence of a family member. The deputy learned that the motorcycle was reported stolen out of Portland. Additional deputies assisted in the apprehension of the fleeing man.

A Sheriff's K9 tracked the man to a neighboring residence. The people in that residence also knew the man. After a search of the residence, Sheriff's Deputies found Christopher Baumgardner, 37, from Beaverton, hiding in a bedroom. He was taken into custody without further incident.



Christopher Baumgardner was lodged in the Washington County Jail, charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Felony and Misdemeanor Attempt to Elude a Police Officer and for violating his Parole. He is held on \$10,000 bail.