

MEDIA RELEASE

Man Runs From Deputies After Violating His Restraining Order

April 24, 2020

On Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 9:37 p.m. Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a restraining order violation actively occurring. 25-year-old Christopher Kent, of Hillsboro, Oregon, was driving his 1992 Ford Aerostar van and was chasing another vehicle. Mr. Kent was chasing an individual who had an active restraining order against him. While deputies were trying to catch up to Mr. Kent's vehicle, Mr. Kent rammed the car he was chasing.

Deputies located Mr. Kent's vehicle near the intersection of SW Cornelius Pass Road and SW Johnson Street. The person Mr. Kent was chasing was able to safely pull into a nearby parking lot where they were contacted by deputies.

Deputies tried to pull Mr. Kent's vehicle over, but Mr. Kent failed to stop. A short pursuit ensued, and during which, a deputy attempted to perform a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT). As the deputy tried to PIT Mr. Kent's vehicle, Mr. Kent intentionally rammed the deputy's patrol car. The deputy was uninjured, and his vehicle sustained minor damage. The pursuit was heading towards downtown Hillsboro and was terminated for safety reasons.

A few minutes after the pursuit was terminated, an officer from the Hillsboro Police Department spotted Mr. Kent's vehicle traveling south on Highway 219, south of Hillsboro. Deputies placed spike strips in the road near the intersection of SW Grabel Road and Highway 219 and successfully spiked Mr. Kent's vehicle.

Mr. Kent's van tires began losing air as he continued to travel south on Highway 219. Deputies began pursuing the van again at speeds near 80 mph. Mr. Kent lost control of his vehicle then crashed into a ditch near the intersection of Highway 219 and SW Scholls Ferry Road. Mr. Kent was taken into custody without further incident. He was uninjured.

Mr. Kent was lodged in the Washington County Jail on the below charges.

- Violation of a restraining order
- Attempted assault in the second degree
- Unlawful use of a weapon
- Fleeing or attempting to elude police officer – vehicle
- Menacing
- Reckless driving
- Reckless endangering another person
- Criminal mischief in the second degree



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