

PRESS RELEASE

Man Wrecks Patrol Cars, Injuries Deputies



Friday, November 15, 2013--Last night Sheriff's deputies responded to a disturbance call at a residence in Cedar Hills. A man was reported to be acting erratically in the residence. Deputies arrived and the suspect rammed one of their cars and drove away. A short pursuit ensued and after three patrol cars had been wrecked, the man was taken into custody. Three deputies and the suspect were all treated for injuries at the hospital.

On Thursday, November 14, 2013, at about 10:00 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies were called to a disturbance at a residence, located at 2455 SW Timberline Drive (97225) in the community of Cedar Hills. The caller reported that her friend, 50-year-old David James Dahl from Milwaukie, was

acting erratically and she needed assistance.



When deputies arrived they encountered a black Cadillac Escalade leaving the area. At the same time, the dispatcher told them that Mr. Dahl had left the house in a black Escalade. Before the deputies turned on their emergency lights, Mr. Dahl rammed one of the patrol cars head on, disabling it. He then drove away with another patrol car in pursuit.

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Mr. Dahl would not stop for the deputy and at several points slammed on his brakes trying to get the deputy to hit the rear of his vehicle. At SW Scenic Drive and SW Scenic Drive Court, Mr. Dahl rammed another patrol car head on, disabling that car as well. He backed up and rammed the car a second time while the deputy was still in the car. Mr. Dahl was about to back up again when another deputy rammed him from behind and pinned the Escalade in between the two patrol cars.

The deputies, one of them injured from being assaulted by Mr. Dahl in the crash, attempted to get Mr. Dahl to exit his vehicle. Mr. Dahl

refused and was pulled out of the vehicle by the deputies and continued to resist arrest. A Taser was used during the struggle with Mr. Dahl, but it had little effect. He was

eventually taken into custody and sustained non-life-threatening injuries while resisting arrest.

Three deputies were taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Mr. Dahl was also transported to the hospital. Everyone was treated and released.

Mr. Dahl was taken to the Washington County Jail where he was booked on charges of Assault in the Second Degree, Assaulting a Peace Officer, Attempt to Elude a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, Criminal Mischief, and Reckless Driving.

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