



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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DUII Driver Rear-Ends Patrol Car, Injures Deputy

March 18, 2017 – A Sheriff's Office deputy was rear-ended by a DUII driver. The suspect fled the scene and was later captured by a Hillsboro Police K-9.

On March 18, 2017, at about 2:30 a.m., a Washington County Sheriff's Office deputy had just completed a traffic stop and was pulled over on the shoulder of westbound Sunset Highway near the exit to 185th Avenue. The deputy was sitting inside of his vehicle.

The deputy's patrol car was rear-ended by a silver 2006 Chevy Cobalt, driven by Marco Rosario-Palma, 25, of Hillsboro. Mr. Rosario-Palma fled the scene of the crash on foot. The deputy was injured, but was able to call for help via radio.



Deputies, with the assistance of officers from Hillsboro and Beaverton Police, set up a perimeter to search for the suspect. After about 30 minutes of searching, Mr. Rosario-Palma was found hiding in bushes off the highway by Hillsboro Officer Schmidt and his partner, K-9 Blazer.

The deputy sustained non-life threatening injuries and is being treated at an area hospital.

Hillsboro Police conducted the primary investigation and arrested Mr. Rosario-Palma. He was lodged at the Washington County Jail on charges of felony hit and run, DUII, assault in the fourth degree, attempting to elude a police officer, and criminal mischief in the second degree.

The Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstructive Team (CART) also assisted in the investigation.

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