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UPDATE: Driver Arrested in Hit and Run Involving Bicyclist

May 16, 2019

On Thursday, May 16, 2019, detectives from the Washington County Sheriff's Office arrested William Offinga, 55, on one count of reckless driving and one count of felony hit and run related to an incident that happened on May 11, 2019 in rural Washington County, northwest of Forest Grove.

Several tips led detectives to Mr. Offinga's residence outside of Forest Grove where a search warrant was executed. A vehicle matching the description from witnesses was located with damage consistent with a crash.

Mr. Offinga was booked into the Washington County Jail this afternoon.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office thanks everyone who offered information leading to the arrest of this suspect.

The original media release is below.

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William Offinga

Wanted: Unidentified, Reckless Driver Who Hit and Injured Bicyclist

May 13, 2019

On Saturday, May 11, 2019, Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a reported hit and run crash involving a driver and a bicyclist in unincorporated Washington County, northwest of Forest Grove.

According to witness reports, an unidentified man was driving a newer Mercedes convertible around 2:00 p.m. on NW Hillside Road when he hit a bicyclist stopped on the shoulder. The victim was checking his map when the unidentified driver hit him somewhere near the intersection with NW Clapshaw Hill Road. The victim was knocked to the ground, his clothing torn and was bleeding from the leg. The suspect drove off, making no attempt to stop and check on him, and gave the bicyclist "the finger" as he drove off.



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The suspect was also seen driving recklessly, swerving into oncoming lanes of traffic. A motorcyclist told deputies he was almost run off the road and nearly hit by the same driver on NW Old Clapshaw Hill Road.

A short [video](#) was obtained by one of the witnesses of the suspect vehicle.

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION:

- White man, 60s
- Baseball cap
- Thick "Tom Selleck" mustache
- Newer Mercedes convertible
- Champagne colored



Anyone with information about this vehicle or driver is asked to contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office by calling non-emergency dispatch at 503-629-0111.



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