

MEDIA RELEASE

Drivers Arrested After Striking Patrol Car, Driving on Railroad Tracks

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On Sunday, November 24, 2024, at 9:41 p.m., a Washington County Sheriff's Office deputy assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit was following a suspected impaired driver on SW Hall Blvd. in the city of Tigard. When the vehicle reached a dead end, the driver suddenly reversed, striking the deputy's patrol car. Fortunately, the deputy was not seriously injured.

After further investigation, Henry Ochoa-Avila, 31, of Beaverton, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) and Reckless Driving. He later provided a breath sample that registered a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .19, more than twice the legal limit.



In a separate incident on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 1:49 a.m., deputies working in the city of Cornelius observed a car that was failing to maintain its lane. They noted that one tire on the car was flat and another tire was shredded. As the driver continued, the car was traveling on the rim, causing it to bounce noticeably. Deputies determined that just 20 minutes earlier, this same car had been driven on railroad tracks in the city of Hillsboro.

Deputies stopped the vehicle and later arrested the driver, Ricardo Ocampo-Jaimes, 45, of Forest Grove, for DUII and Reckless Driving. The investigating deputy applied for and obtained a search warrant to collect blood evidence from the driver in this case.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office reminds the public to not get behind the wheel after consuming alcohol or any substance that impairs their ability to drive. Plan ahead by designating a sober driver or using a rideshare service to ensure you arrive safely at your destination.



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