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WANTED MAN SAFELY DETAINED AFTER 3-HOUR STANDOFF

A man went to jail on several charges after a lengthy standoff in Tigard Saturday evening.

On Saturday, November 12th, the Tigard Police Department was contacted by Newberg-Dundee Police with information that a wanted man was believed to be in Tigard. This man, identified as Worth Briggs IV (DOB 10/14/1968), had a felony warrant out for his arrest from the Oregon State Parole Board for 1st Degree Attempted Kidnapping.

Shortly after, Tigard officers located Mr. Briggs parked at the 7-11 on 99W and Hall Blvd. Officers gave him commands to put his hands up and told him he was under arrest. He did not get out of his car. In the minutes that followed, he backed into a patrol car, ran over spike strips, drove in reverse in the parking lot, hit an unoccupied SUV then struck a utility box which caused a power outage for several businesses in the area that lasted for hours.

Mr. Briggs remained barricaded inside his car in the parking lot, and additional assistance was requested from two Washington County interagency teams, the Crisis Negotiations Unit (CNU) and the Tactical Negotiations Team (TNT). After communicating with Mr. Briggs for more than three hours, he was safely detained. As a safety measure, Hall Blvd was closed from 99W to Hunziker Road during the standoff.

He was taken to jail on his outstanding warrants, as well as additional charges of attempting to elude a police officer, reckless driving, hit and run vehicle/property x3, criminal mischief x3 and resisting arrest. We'd like to thank CNU and TNT for their assistance at the scene, along with Forest Grove Police for their drone deployment.

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