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### **DRIVER RAMS TWO PATROL CARS, TWO PEOPLE ARRESTED**

Two people were arrested after a driver rammed two patrol cars during a welfare check.

On Friday, December 9th at 8:21 PM, officers responded to a welfare check in the 16200 block of SW Pacific Highway. The caller reported two people in a Subaru were slumped over in the back of the car. An officer knocked on the driver's window and began speaking with the driver, who appeared to be under the influence of drugs. During this exchange, the driver repeatedly rammed two patrol cars in an apparent attempt to get away, nearly hitting one of the officers who was on foot. An officer in one of the damaged patrol cars tried to follow the suspect, who continued southbound in the northbound lanes of 99W without any lights on. The officer discontinued the pursuit, both for safety reasons and due to the damage on the patrol car.

Officers from Sherwood, Tualatin and deputies with the Washington County Sheriff's Office responded to help, including K-9s and aerial support. Officers used witnesses, road debris and the smell of burning oil to narrow the search for the suspect. As the search was underway, a resident in the 14800 block of SW Beef Bend Road called to report people ran through his backyard, jumped a fence and ditched a Subaru in his driveway.

Thanks to K-9 tracks, the passenger of the Subaru was found in the backyard of a home in the 14400 block of SW McFarland, armed with a concealed loaded gun. She was identified as Brittney Clawdus, age 22, and was safely arrested. The driver of the Subaru was found hiding under a canopy in the back of a truck in the 11500 block of SW Cole. He was identified as Matthew Hodgson, age 25, and was also safely arrested.



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Clawdus was taken to jail charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. Hodgson was taken to the Washington County Jail on an outstanding arrest warrant and charges including:

- Assault II (x2)
- Assaulting a public safety officer
- Attempting to elude a police officer
- Felon in possession of a restricted weapon
- Hit and run vehicle – injury
- Hit and run vehicle – property
- Recklessly endangering (x3)
- Criminal mischief I
- Reckless driving
- Disorderly conduct II
- Assault III
- Unlawful use of a weapon (x2)

An officer who was in one of the rammed patrol cars went to the hospital for evaluation of minor injuries and was released.

We'd like to thank our partners at Sherwood PD, Tualatin PD and WCSO for their assistance in the safe resolution of this call.

In-car video from this incident is available at <https://youtu.be/94dhNQr6V5w>. Please note, the audio recording does not begin until 30 seconds into this clip.

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