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ARMED CARJACKING LEADS TO TWO ARRESTS, RECOVERY OF GUN AND FENTANYL



The gun recovered during the arrest.

Two men in possession of a gun and suspected fentanyl were arrested after attempting to steal a car during an armed carjacking incident.

On Tuesday, July 23rd at 12:40 PM, Tigard Police patrol officers responded to an attempted carjacking at a restaurant in the 6600 block of SW Cardinal Lane. Upon arrival, officers learned that two suspects pulled a gun on a man, identified as Aleksandar Atanansov, age 36, in an attempt to steal his car before taking off on foot near SW Sequoia Parkway.



Officers set up containment and utilized a K-9 track to search for the two suspects. One suspect was quickly located and arrested. He is Kyle Fletcher, age 23.



Possible fentanyl in pill and powder form.

While officers searched for the outstanding suspect, a nearby restaurant in the 15200 block of SW Sequoia Parkway called police when they observed a patron displaying suspicious behavior. Officers detained the man, who matched the description of the second suspect. He was subsequently identified as Andrew Dibenedetto, age 38. Officers recovered a handgun, pills and powder during the investigation. Both the pills and powder are believed to be fentanyl, pending further testing.

Mr. Fletcher was charged with Robbery in the First Degree. Mr. Dibenedetto was interviewed and later released but charges are being referred to the Washington County District Attorney's Office.



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Mr. Atanansov was also arrested on two outstanding misdemeanor warrants out of Washington and Clackamas Counties.

Thankfully, no one was hurt during this incident.

This was a complicated case with many witnesses. We'd like to thank our partners at the Tualatin Police Department, Lake Oswego Police Department and the dispatchers at the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency for their help in this case.

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