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Incident: 18C22836

Two deputies with minor injuries after a vehicle pursuit

Moxee – On December 18, 2018, at 11:00 am, Yakima County Sheriff's Office deputies were involved in a vehicle pursuit after attempting to arrest the man in a stolen vehicle. The two deputies sustained minor injuries after being struck head-on by the suspect vehicle. They did not require medical attention.

The deputy observed a vehicle on W. Birchfield Rd that appeared to be stuck in the mud. The deputy realized the vehicle was stolen and activated his emergency lights. The vehicle drove off and the deputy initiated a pursuit.

The deputy pursued the vehicle southbound on Birchfield Rd and continued on several country roads, through a hop field, and ending at an apartment complex on Beauchene Rd. The speed of the suspect's vehicle was approximately 100 MPH on Hwy 24. The suspect avoided running over spikes that were deployed two separate times. At one point, the suspect drove the vehicle head-on towards a deputy and swerved at the last moment. The deputy believed the suspect vehicle was going to collide with his vehicle. The suspect struck a fence and several guide wires in a hop field. The suspect struck a deputies vehicle head-on while escaping the hop field. Another deputy had to use evasive maneuvers to avoid being struck by the vehicle as well. The deputies patrol vehicle is no longer driveable until it is repaired.

The 19-year-old male driver from Yakima was arrested and booked into the Yakima County Jail on charges of Attempting to Elude a Pursuing Police Vehicle, Hit & Run Unattended, Resisting Arrest, Assault 1st Degree, Attempted Assault 1st Degree, Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, Violation of a No Contact Order, Malicious Mischief 1st Degree, and driving on a suspended license.

Our office would like to thank the Moxee Police Department and the Washington State Patrol for their assistance.



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