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Incident: 18C23285

Deputies arrest a man after stealing a vehicle and foot pursuit

Yakima – On December 26, 2018, at 07:30 am, Yakima County Sheriff's Office deputies were sent to the area of S. Wiley Rd and Hackett Rd for a report of a vehicle that had just been stolen.

Our animal control officer (ACO) was in the right place at the right time and observed the stolen vehicle being driven in the 20000 block of Ahtanum Rd. He provided essential information for deputies en-route to the area.

The stolen truck was found unoccupied and stuck in a ditch. A perimeter was set up and deputies tracked the suspect in the snow for approximately an hour. The suspect was found and arrested after a short struggle. The suspect had a stolen wallet, stolen credit cards, vehicle theft tools, and drugs on him.

The suspect was identified as 31-year-old Shay Michael Thomas from Yakima. He was booked into the Yakima County Jail for charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest, possessing motor vehicle theft tools, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, possession of stolen property, possession of another's ID, and possession of a controlled substance.

One deputy was injured during the arrest but was able to remain on duty after seeking medical attention.