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Suspect crashes after attempting to elude Deputies

TILLAMOOK – A Salem man, wanted by the Oregon State Parole Board, was apprehended Thursday afternoon by Tillamook County Sheriff's Deputies, after leading police on a high-speed chase south of Tillamook. Two suspects were apprehended when their vehicle crashed on South Prairie Rd. after hitting a tree.

According to Tillamook County Sheriff Todd Anderson, Tillamook Narcotics Team (TNT) Detectives observed Dallas Lee Welsh, 29 of Salem, driving a green Honda Civic on 12th Street in Tillamook. "They knew Dallas Lee Welsh had an outstanding Caution Felony warrant out of Marion County stemming from a weapons offense and that he did not have a driver's license, so they attempted to initiate a traffic stop on Welsh's vehicle near Les Schwab. Welsh turned around and saw that he was being pulled over by police, and then fled down the wrong way on the one-way portion of Highway 101 at an extremely high rate of speed," said Sheriff Anderson.

Welsh then drove recklessly southbound on Highway 101 reaching speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour, often traveling in the oncoming lane of traffic before turning onto the south end of South Prairie Rd and continuing northbound back toward Tillamook.

Personnel from the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, Tillamook City Police and the Oregon State Police responded to the area. "We were going to attempt to set up spike strips to try and stop the vehicle," said Sheriff Anderson. "When Welsh was driving north on South Prairie Rd, Detectives called for the South Prairie School to be locked

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down to prevent any children from being outside of the school building in case Welsh was to drive by," said Sheriff Anderson.

According to Anderson, Welsh attempted to negotiate a corner on South Prairie Rd at such a high speed that he lost control of his vehicle and struck a tree. "At some point Welsh's car went air born before crashing into a tree."

Welsh was ejected from his vehicle and then fled on foot for a short distance before being taken into custody by Detectives. The passenger, Joshua Steven Krumweide, 33 of Tillamook, was still in the front seat of the vehicle with obvious injuries when police arrived at the car. Both men were taken to Tillamook County General Hospital by Ambulance before being transported to a Portland area hospital due to the extent of their injuries.

"We are not sure why they ran," said Sheriff Anderson, "The investigation is still underway, however it appears that the men met while they were both in the Oregon State Penitentiary." Detectives found methamphetamine and packaging paraphernalia evidence in the vehicle

Anderson said that Welsh and Krumwiede are both convicted felons with extensive criminal histories. Both men have weapons convictions. Welsh has been convicted of Assaulting a Public Safety Officer, for Carrying a Dangerous Weapon among several other felon convictions. Krumwiede has numerous convictions for Attempting to Elude Police, being a Felon in Possession of a Weapon among many other felony convictions. Both men are currently on Post-Prison Supervision with the Oregon State Department of Corrections. Anderson stated that Welsh and Krumwiede could both be facing felony charges when this investigation is concluded.

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