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Wanted Felon Flees During Pursuit

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A pursuit started by WWPDP officers led to the arrest of a wanted female last night, but another suspect was able to flee on foot after the chase ended in Oregon.

A few minutes after 6:00 p.m. last night, Detectives from the Career Criminal Apprehension Team (CCAT) attempted to stop a white Dodge flatbed pickup occupied by Cager J. York, 23. York has warrants for his arrest and is well-known by area law enforcement for attempting to elude police. The stop was initiated in the area of SE Meadowbrook in College Place. The vehicle quickly accelerated and continued eastbound on Taumarason and then southbound on Plaza Way.

Approximately 2 minutes into the pursuit, the vehicle slowed and the driver jumped from the moving vehicle. That subject was detained and told officers that York had told him not to stop and threatened him with a gun pressed into his ribs. York then moved into the driver's seat and continued to drive. A WWSO Deputy was able to place spike strips when the pursuit continued on Plaza Way and onto Old Milton Highway, crossing HWY 125. Three of the pickup tires were flattened, but York continued to drive on the vehicle's rims.

The pursuit eventually ended when York pulled into the parking lot of the Stateline Cigarette Store at the intersection of Stateline Road and Hwy 125. York and a female exited the pickup and got into a Cadillac that York had parked there earlier. He was boxed in by law enforcement and fled on foot. The female was taken into custody and identified as Michaela R. Garcia, 24. She was lodged on 2 felony warrants from Umatilla County for Failure to Appear.

Walla Walla SO, Milton-Freewater PD, Umatilla County SO, and Oregon State Police assisted in the search for York for about 3 hours following the pursuit, but he has not been located at this time.

York is wanted on numerous charges as well as warrants. He is believed to be armed and extremely dangerous and should not be approached if seen. He has been arrested many times by local law enforcement for charges ranging from Driving While Suspended, Attempting to Elude, Methamphetamine, and Rape. Anyone with information about York's whereabouts is strongly urged to contact law enforcement.

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