

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation



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Man Arrested After Pursuit on Umatilla Indian Reservation

MISSION – Umatilla Tribal Police Department (UTPD) officials said they arrested a man on Saturday, Jan. 4 after he led them on a vehicular pursuit through a residential area on the Umatilla Indian Reservation (UIR).

According to the UTPD, at approximately 9:30 a.m., officers initiated a traffic stop on a 1998 motorhome driven by Dylan Lance Cantrell, 22, of Walla Walla, for an expired registration at Shortmile Road and Mission Road.

A UTPD report states Cantrell, a non-Indian, failed to produce a driver's license and gave a false name to police. When instructed to exit the motorhome so officers could continue the investigation, Cantrell refused and fled in the vehicle, the report states.

Officers pursued the vehicle through a UIR residential area in which Cantrell drove onto a walking trail and through fencing destroying private property, the report states. It also states Cantrell then stopped and fled on foot in the Birch Loop and Dogwood Loop area.

According to the UTPD, officers drew their weapons, which is standard procedure, but no shots were fired. Cantrell was located hiding near a residence and taken into custody without further incident, the report states.

Cantrell was arrested and lodged in the Umatilla County Jail on a felony parole board warrant and charges stemming from the traffic stop and vehicle pursuit of attempt to elude felony, attempt to elude misdemeanor, false information to police, reckless driving, recklessly endangering another, failure to perform the duties of a driver with property damage, criminal mischief and unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is comprised of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla Tribes, and formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 Stat. 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.