



EAST WENATCHEE POLICE DEPT

Incident Report for 23E03947

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Nature: TRAFFIC OFFENSE **Address:** GRANT RD & VALLEY MALL PKWY, EAST WENATCHEE WA 98802

Complainant: EWPD **When Reported:** 13:22:08 07/09/23

Last: EAST WENATCHEE POLICE DEPT **First:** **Mid:**

DOB: **/**/** **Dr Lic:** **Address:** 50 SIMON ST # 1; EWPD

Race: **Sex:** **Phone:** (509)884-9513 **City:** EAST WENATCHEE, WA 98802

Offense Codes

Reported: TOFF Traffic Offense

Observed: FLNE Felony Elude

Additional Offense: FLNE Felony Elude

Additional Offense: TOFF Traffic Offense

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	
07/09/23	Name	EAST WENATCHEE POLICE DEPT,	Complainant
07/09/23	Name	RIPPLE, CHRISTINA MARIE	PASSENGER
07/09/23	Name	BERGER, JOSHUA MICHAEL	SUSPECT
07/09/23	Vehicle	SIL 2008 BUIC LCR WA	INVOLVED
07/09/23	Cad Call	13:22:08 07/09/23 TRAFFIC OFFENSE	Initiating Call
07/09/23	Cad Call	15:13:54 07/09/23 TELETYPE	ATL

Narrative

STOLEN/RECOVERED/DAMAGED/VALUE:

1. N/A

EVIDENCE:

1. (PENDING) Video footage from EWPD parking lot
2. Booking photograph for Joshua provided by Kittitas County Deputy Garcia #43

SUSPECT(S):

1. Joshua M. Berger (DOB 4-15-1982)
2. Christina M. Ripple (DOB 11-10-1987)

CHARGE(S):

1. RCW 46.61.024 - Attempt to Elude Police Vehicle / Berger
2. RCW 46.20.342.1C -DWLS 3rd Degree / Berger
3. RCW 46.61.024 - Attempt to Elude Police Vehicle Complicity / Ripple

INVESTIGATOR'S NAME(S):

1. Officer Conley

INVESTIGATION:

On 7-9-2023 I was working patrol for the City of East Wenatchee in police uniform while driving a marked police vehicle. At approximately 1307 hours, Rivercom Dispatch advised Christina M. Ripple (DOB 11-10-1987) was in the lobby at the East Wenatchee Police Department. Christina was inquiring about getting her cell phone back which was seized as evidence in case 23E03407 by Officer Leyde.

I arrived in the parking lot to contact her at approximately 1316 hours. I observed Christina sitting in the passenger seat of a silver 2008 Buick LaCrosse bearing Washington State plate WA/CFS7030. I knew the female was Christina after reviewing her previous booking photograph from the Chelan County Jail which was taken and uploaded on 6-13-2023, less than a month prior. She had long dark hair which was down.

As I was pulling into the parking lot, I observed the vehicle move forward approximately three feet and then backwards into a parking stall.

I observed a male in the driver's seat. He appeared to be a white male with a dark short beard. He appeared to be approximately 35 years of age. I observed a white, medium sized dog in the back seat.

I parked my patrol car approximately 50 yards away from their vehicle. I observed Christina briefly opened the passenger door before shutting it.

I requested Rivercom Dispatch to send me a Department of Licensing (DOL) photograph of the registered owner of the vehicle. He was Joshua M. Berger (DOB 4-15-1982). I received the photograph at 1317 hours. Joshua's DOL return displayed him to have a suspended driver's license in the 3rd degree.

I compared Joshua's DOL photo with the male I saw sitting in the driver's seat. I observed very close similarities. In Joshua's DOL photograph, he appeared to be a white male with a dark short beard. He

was 41 years of age. I developed reasonable suspicion the male sitting in the driver's seat was Joshua.

The vehicle swiftly exited the parking lot and drove west on Simon Street before making a right turn to drive north of Valley Mall Parkway. I positioned my patrol car behind the vehicle.

As we approached the intersection of Grant Road and Valley Mall Parkway, I activated my overhead emergency lights and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. I almost immediately observed the weight of the vehicle shift towards the rear and the vehicle accelerated at a fast rate.

The speed limit on Valley Mall Parkway was 25 miles per hour. Based on my visual observation, I determined the vehicle was driving 50-60 miles per hour to elude my patrol vehicle. The vehicle was driving in both north-bound lanes and passing cars as if they were not moving. The vehicle almost collided into three vehicles during the time I was observing it.

As it was clear the vehicle was attempting to elude my lawful traffic stop, I terminated my attempt to stop it. Due to legislation at the time, I did not meet the parameters to engage in a vehicle pursuit. I advised Rivercom I had terminated and advised of the last known direction of travel. I lost sight of the vehicle as it entered the 800 block of Valley Mall Parkway.

Shortly after, Officer Gregory advised he was in the 800 block of Sunset Highway and observed the vehicle now traveling north-bound on Sunset Highway at a high rate of speed. Officer Gregory advised the vehicle had entered on-coming traffic to pass other vehicles on the roadway in the 1100 block of Sunset Highway. Officer Gregory had his overhead emergency lights activated to navigate through traffic.

Officers checked the area for the vehicle but were not able to locate it.

I observed Joshua's DOL address to be [REDACTED] 1G-Personal Info. I called Kittcom Dispatch and requested to speak to a deputy to obtain more information on Joshua.

At approximately 1448 hours, I received a call from Deputy Garcia #43 with the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office. I advised him of the situation and asked if he would be willing to provide booking photographs for Joshua from their local system. He provided me with a booking photograph of Joshua which was uploaded in May of 2023, approximately two months prior.

I observed the photograph of Joshua to have a dark short beard. After reviewing the photograph, I determined he was the driver which had eluded my traffic stop. I later uploaded the photograph to Evidence.com.

Deputy Garcia #43 advised Joshua had been contacted in the same vehicle, the silver 2008 Buick LaCrosse WA/CFS7030 on a traffic stop on 2-2-2023, approximately five months prior.

Based on my investigation, I developed probable cause Joshua M. Berger (DOB 4-15-1982) committed the crime RCW 46.61.024 - Attempt to Elude Police Vehicle by willfully failing to immediately bring his vehicle to a stop and drove his vehicle in a reckless manner while attempting to eluding a perusing

police vehicle.

Based on my investigation, I developed probable cause Joshua M. Berger (DOB 4-15-1982) committed the crime RCW 46.20.342.1C -DWLS 3rd Degree for operating a motor vehicle in the state of Washington while his driver's license was suspended in the 3rd degree.

At the time of this report, Christina had made no attempt to contact Law Enforcement reporting Joshua for committing the crime listed above and made no attempt to flag Law Enforcement down during the incident. In doing so, I developed probable cause she had committed the crime RCW 46.61.024 - Attempt to Elude Police Vehicle Complicity.

I requesting Rivercom to broadcast an Attempt to Locate to local agencies with probable cause to arrest Joshua and Christina. Further, I requested Rivercom to advise Kittcom of the probable cause as I believed Joshua was likely headed back to Ellensburg.

At the time of this report, neither suspects have been located. I contacted the City of East Wenatchee IT manager to obtain video of the vehicle driving through the parking lot and have not yet received it. Anything further will be documented in a supplemental report.

End of report.

This document is being submitted to a judge, magistrate, court and/or prosecutor from an electronic device that is owned, issued and/or maintained by a criminal justice agency.

I certify (declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Officer Conley 1DO17
East Wenatchee Police Department
Washington State

7-9-2023 1545 hours

Date / Time

Approved by

Date / Time

Vehicles

Vehicle Number:**303380****License Plate:** CFS7030**State:** WA**Vehicle Year:** 2008**License Type:** PC Regular Passenger Automobile**Expires:** 11/12/23**VIN:** 2G4WC582X81134

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Make: BUIC Buick**Model:** LCR**Color:** SIL /**Doors:** 0**Vehicle Type:** PC Passenger Car**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:** BERGER **First:** JOSHUA **Mid:** MICHAEL**DOB:** 04/15/82 **Address:** 1G-Personal Info**Race:** **Sex:** M **Phone:** () - **City:** 1G-Personal Info

Vehicles**Agency:****Date Recov/Rcvd:** **/**/****Officer:****Area:****UCR Status:****Wrecker Service:** TIM***Local****Storage Location:****Status:****Status Date:** **/**/****Release Date:** **/**/****Comments:**

Name Involvements:**SUSPECT :** 322666**Last:** BERGER **First:** JOSHUA **Mid:** MICHAEL**DOB:** 04/15/82 **Address:** 1G-Personal Info**Race:** **Sex:** M **Phone:** () - **City:** 1G-Personal Info

PASSENGER : 321668**Last:** RIPPLE **First:** CHRISTINA **Mid:** MARIE**DOB:** 11/10/87 **Address:** 1G-Personal Info

Race: W **Sex:** F **Phone:** () - **City:**

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