



**CAMAS
POLICE DEPARTMENT**
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INCIDENT REPORT

CASE NUMBER 20001096	SUPPLEMENT NUMBER
CASE TYPE AUTO THEFT	CAD EVENT NUMBER 20384269
REPORTING OFFICER 6503 - HERMANN, KEVIN	REPORT DATE 11/08/2020

NARRATIVE

ORPHAN DOCUMENTS:

Search Warrant
Search Warrant Statement
Search Warrant Receipts

DETAILS:

On 11-8-2020 I was traveling westbound at approximately the 1800 block of NE 3rd Avenue in a fully marked patrol car. Up ahead of me I observed a 2 door BMW traveling in the same direction. The vehicle appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed in a posted 25 MPH zone and was changing lanes erratically in order to get around other vehicles on the road. I observed the vehicle turn northbound onto NE Garfield Street as I began accelerating to catch up. As I turned northbound on NE Garfield Street I witnessed the vehicle bottom out on the hill crest and due to its speed, caused sparks to fly out from underneath it as it passed by NE 6th Avenue. The vehicle followed the curve in the road to the west and went out of sight for a moment. As I followed the curve in the road towards the west I saw the tail end of the vehicle northbound on NE Everett Street. I notified dispatch that I was attempting to catch up to a fast moving BMW with unknown plates.

As I approached NE Everett Street at NE 14th Avenue, my overhead emergency lights and sirens were activated in an attempt to signal the vehicle to stop. The vehicle, still a 3-4 blocks ahead of me, turned west onto NE 19th Avenue. I continued to attempt to catch up and it was not clear to me that the driver of the vehicle was aware of my presence. For a moment I thought the driver was just trying to get home in a hurry and lived in the area neighborhood. The vehicle turned north onto NE Adams Street, then back east onto NE 21st Avenue, then north onto NE Birch Street. As I followed behind the vehicle, I was able to catch a glimpse of the tail end of the vehicle as it made each turn. I was able to update dispatch as the vehicle made these erratic direction changes and was unable to see the license plate. As I was approaching NE 23rd Avenue, and with little to no ground gained on the vehicle, it became more clear the vehicle was attempting to elude and was not trying to get home. I advised dispatch I was discontinuing as I approached the corner of NE 23rd Avenue and NE Birch Street. I deactivated my emergency lights and discontinued my attempt to catch up to the vehicle.

After discontinuing, I could see the BMW up ahead as it traveled east bound on NE 23rd avenue and approaching NE Everett Street. The vehicle applied its brakes for a brief moment as it rolled through the stop sign and made a hard left turn to travel northbound. I lost visual of the vehicle at this point and advised dispatch I last saw the vehicle traveling northbound on Everett street. Out of concern that it may have crashed or caused an accident, I began driving towards the intersection at a slow speed with my lights and sirens off. As I came to a stop at the stop sign, I observed the BMW north of the intersection and crashed into a tree on the east side of NE Everett Street. It appeared that after making the hard left turn it lost control and over corrected before striking a tree just off of the roadway. I thought I caught a glimpse of what looked to be a person wearing dark clothing about 20 feet from the vehicle and already down the embankment before losing sight through the brush in the darkness. Due to the time delay between discontinuing and then later seeing the vehicle crashed into a tree I did not get a description of the driver as they exited and fled from the vehicle.

After other units arrived, the vehicle was cleared and found to be unoccupied. There were several items in the front passenger seat which made it unlikely it was occupied by more than the driver. I provided dispatch with the license plate on the rear of the vehicle which returned stolen out of Portland. The vehicle came to a rest facing southbound on the northbound side of the road. The driver side of the vehicle was hanging partially over

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a steep embankment which leads down to a small creek. It appeared the driver swung open the door before falling out of the vehicle and into the creek at which point they began running away on foot. I notified other units that the suspect may be wet and will likely have wet shoes from walking through the creek.

While looking at items in plain view inside the vehicle, I saw a clear baggie containing a black tar like substance on the driver side floorboard. Based on my training and experience, the substance is likely heroin. Next to the clear baggie was a black cell phone of unknown make and model. The back seat of the vehicle was completely full of miscellaneous items. Upright and wedged in between the driver side door and seat was a white baseball bat with a small sticker that read "\$5" on the end of it.

Camas Police along with assistance from Washougal Police set up containment and after a K9 track were unable to locate a suspect. Chuck's towing arrived to load the vehicle onto a flat bed and I followed the tow truck back to Camas Police Department where it was placed inside a secure garage port. Evidence tape was applied to both doors and the trunk. I applied for a search warrant and District Court Judge Darvin Zimmerman found there to be probable cause and authorized his signature to be affixed to the warrant and affidavit at 2300 hours on 11/8/2020.

I contacted the registered owner (Tiffany Conn) of the vehicle and informed her that her vehicle was involved in a collision and is currently at Camas PD awaiting service of a search warrant. Tiffany told me her vehicle was completely empty when it was stolen and anything found inside the vehicle does not belong to her. CCSO Records was notified of the vehicle recovery.

It should be noted that later that evening and the following morning, Camas Police received several calls related to a suspicious person prowling around a neighborhood in NW Camas. One of the callers reported the person took a pair of shoes from their front porch and left the ones they were wearing behind which were found to be wet. Video surveillance also showed the person had a white baseball bat. It is possible the person who took the shoes and left behind their wet shoes is the same person who fled from the stolen vehicle and may have had two white bats inside the vehicle.

SEARCH OF VEHICLE

On 11/9/2020 at 2023 hours I executed a search warrant signed by Judge Darvin Zimmerman. The small bag on the driver side floorboard containing a dark tar like substance was collected and tested presumptive positive for heroin. The bag was packaged as evidence sent to WSP for a laboratory examination.

Latent fingerprints were collected from various bottles and jars within the vehicle which were packaged as evidence and also sent to WSP for a laboratory examination. Several vehicle keys, jiggler keys, and shaved keys were found within the vehicle in a black sunglasses case. The keys were seized as evidence. Several other items were seized as evidence and kept for safe keeping. Refer to the attached property receipts for more information regarding these items.

The cell phone from the driver side floorboard was collected and plugged into a power source to charge. The cell phone will be accessed at a later date using Cellebrite software in order to find a possible suspect related to this case. Please refer to Sergeant Hausinger's supplemental for more information regarding the cell phone.

Following the search warrant execution, the vehicle was picked up from Camas Police Department by Chucks Towing and brought to their tow yard. A copy of the property receipts and search warrant was left inside the vehicle.

Case under investigation. WSP Lab examination on latent fingerprints pending.

I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and

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correct. I intend my printed name and PSN on this document to be my signature. This document was signed in Clark County, Washington.