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Nature: MISCELLANEOUS Address: N GROVER AVE & 11TH ST NE, EAST WENATCHEE WA

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Complainant: EWPD **When Reported:** 00:03:26 05/02/20 **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: NC Not Classified **Observed:** FLNE Felony Elude

Additional Offense: FLNE Felony Elude **Additional Offense:** TOFF Traffic Offense

Additional Offense: REND Reckless Endangerment

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	
05/02/20	Name	EAST WENATCHEE POLICE DEPT,	Complainant
05/02/20	Name	HIGGINS, CHANDA BREEANN	TRANSPORTED
05/02/20	Name	RANDYS TOWING, 5664	TOW USED
05/02/20	Name	WELTON, DALE ALVIN	CONTACTED
05/02/20	Name	WELTON, RYAN DALE	SUSPECT
05/02/20	Offense	WELTON, RYAN DALE:	Charged With
		RECKLESS ENDANGER - GM	
05/02/20	Offense	ATTEMPT TO ELUDE - F	Charged With
05/02/20	Offense	DWLS 2ND - GM	Charged With
05/02/20	Vehicle	MAR 2007 HOND CMX250 WA	SUSPECT VEH
05/02/20	Cad Call	00:03:26 05/02/20 MISCELLANEOUS	Initiating Call
05/02/20	Cad Call	06:12:57 05/02/20 TELETYPE	TELETYPE/CANCEL
05/04/20	Property	purse PURSE W/WALLET MISC ITEMS	Property

1. J. Virnig #1DO8

INVESTIGATION:

On 05-02-20 at about 0003 hours, I was on patrol in uniform and driving a marked patrol car for the City of East Wenatchee.

I was patrolling the area of N. James Ave and 5th St NE. I observed a motorcycle (WA/6E0652) with two riders pass by me going northbound on N. James Ave. The motorcycle sounded like it was having mechanical issues and kept stuttering. I could see the license plate lamp was not activated and/or not illuminating the license plate. I turned around and followed the motorcycle.

The motorcycle turned westbound on 8th St NE and I was able to read the license plate at about this time. I did some research on the registered owner, identified Dale Welton (age 60), and found he had a son, identified as Ryan D. Welton (DOB: 01-02-82). The operator of the motorcycle appeared younger than 60 years old. I followed the motorcycle northbound on N. Grover Ave towards 10th St NE. A driver's check on Ryan revealed his license was suspended 2nd degree. Both Ryan and his father had the same listed address in our local database at

1G-Personal Info

Based on the defective license plate lamp and my suspicion that Ryan was operating the motorcycle, I made the decision to initiate a traffic stop on it at N. Grover Ave near 11th St NE. I activated my body camera and my overhead emergency lights. The operator of the motorcycle slowed down to about 10mph but was not pulling over. I activated my siren and the operator opened up the

throttle and fled northbound on N. Grover Ave. I pursued the motorcycle with emergency lights and sirens activated while advising dispatch I was in pursuit. Douglas County Sergeant Baker was behind me assisting in the pursuit.

The operator of the motorcycle made no attempt to pull over and reached speeds of about 45 mph through the neighborhood, which had a speed limit of 25mph. There was no traffic and the roadways were bare and dry. I pursued the motorcycle through the Briarwood neighborhood and we came to a dead end on Briarwood Terrace. I believed the operator was going to flee on foot at the dead end, so I exited my patrol car. I had my service pistol drawn and at a low ready position, as pursuits are dangerous and it is unknown why the operator is trying to evade police.

I ordered the operator to put his hands up. He used his feet to push the motorcycle around and yelled for me not to shoot him. It would have been in the best interest for the passenger to get off the motorcycle at this time as the speeds were less than 1mph, but they did not. The motorcycle then left the Briarwood neighborhood and traveled northbound on Eastmont Ave reaching speeds of 60mph on the Eastmont extension. The speed limit for this stretch of roadway is 40mph. At one point the motorcycle entered the oncoming lane. There was still no traffic. The motorcycle turned south on N. Baker Ave then west on 27th St NE towards Sunset Hwy. The speeds were relatively low (about 25mph). The motorcycle traveled south on Sunset Hwy and Douglas County Deputies were assisting in blocking intersections. The operator of the motorcycle appeared inexperienced as his turns were not sharp and were wide causing him to travel into the oncoming lane on several occasions.

The motorcycle traveled west on 19th St NE then north on NW Cascade Ave. I pursued the motorcycle near the Odabashian Bridge where the operator subsequently traveled westbound over the bridge. The motorcycle traveled in the oncoming lane across the bridge a about 60mph. There was little to no traffic. I counted about two vehicles on the bridge in the oncoming lane. Units in the pursuit maintained position in the correct lane of travel.

The motorcycle entered Wenatchee and travelled the wrong way on SR 285 on the approach to the Wenatchee River Bridge. The operator of the motorcycle slowed to turn around before the bridge. The motorcycle was once again at speeds less than 1mph when turning around. I exited my patrol car and crossed the barrier in an attempt to end the pursuit by taking the operator off of the motorcycle. I was unsuccessful at doing this and was dragged about 20 feet but was able to pull the passenger off the motorcycle to safety. The motorcycle then fled westbound on Hwy 2. A Chelan County Deputy pursued the motorcycle until it went off road into a canyon behind 4303 Eagle Rock Pl in the Sunnyslope neighborhood.

The passenger, identified as Chanda B. Higgins (DOB: 03-22-84), stated she was

scared and thanked me repeatedly for pulling her off of the motorcycle. I asked her repeatedly who was operating the motorcycle. She did not answer. I left to assist Chelan County Deputies on containment. Sergeant Garcia notified me that Chanda told him the operator of the motorcycle was Ryan. He stated he obtained a recorded statement from her and she told him she was scared for her life. He stated she tried to get Ryan to let her off the motorcycle several times throughout the pursuit. He stated Ryan told her he was scared he was going back to prison over a drug charge he just got out of jail on.

A K-9 search was conducted and the motorcycle was located about 200 yards northwest of the residence at 4303 Eagle Rock Pl. Randy's Towing impounded the motorcycle. The motorcycle was photographed as well as the defective brake lamp bulb. The bulb was noticeably burned out and the filament was broken.

On 05-02-20 at about 2000 hours, I contacted Dale Welton (R/O of Motorcycle) by phone. I asked him if heard what happened last night. He stated he did not. I asked him if he had a Honda Rebel motorcycle. He stated he did. I asked him if he was riding it last night. He stated he was not. I asked him who would have been riding it. He stated it most likely would have been his son Ryan because he is the only other person that rides it. I asked him if he had heard from Ryan. He stated he got a phone call from him within the last hour and a half. He stated Ryan told him he loved him, that he was okay, and that he would be at court on Monday. He stated Ryan called from a restricted phone number and only talked for a minute. I asked him if his conversation with Ryan seemed normal. He stated it didn't and told me Ryan usually talks to him longer.

I explained to Dale what happened last night. I asked him if Ryan was dating anyone. He stated he was dating a girl from Rock Island. I asked him if the name Chanda sounded familiar. He stated that was the girl Ryan was dating. He stated Chanda was not allowed on their property anymore because she had stolen prescription pills from him. I thanked Dale for the information and told him his motorcycle was impounded at Randy's Towing. He thanked me for calling and apologized for his son's actions.

Based on the above investigation, I believe there is probable cause to charge Ryan Welton with eluding a pursuing police vehicle, driving while license suspended 2nd degree, and reckless endangerment.

I certify (declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State o	f
Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. (RCW 9A.72.085)	
Investigating Officer	

Date
Approved by
Date
Supplement
STOLEN/RECOVERED/DAMAGED/VALUE:
1. See initial report

EVIDENCE:
1. Body Camera

CHARGE(S):
1. See initial report

INVESTIGATOR'S NAME(S):
1. Officer I. Cooper 1DO11

INVESTIGATION:

On 5/2/20 at approximately 0003 hours, Officer Virnig advised he was in pursuit with a motorcycle (WA 6E0652), occupied by two riders, heading northbound in the 1100 block of N Grover Ave.

I activated my emergency lights and sirens on my marked patrol vehicle and responded to Officer Virnig's location. I caught up to the pursuit when it was continuing northbound on Eastmont Ave passing Badger Mountain Rd. I was the third patrol vehicle in the pursuit, behind Sergeant Garcia and Officer Virnig.

The pursuit continued southbound on N Baker Ave and then southbound on Sunset Highway. It then continued westbound on 19th Street NW, which continued northbound on NW Cascade Ave and eventually northbound Sunset Highway. It then continued westbound on Highway 2, over the Odabashian Bridge, and then southbound onto N Wenatchee Ave. At this point of the pursuit, the fleeing motorist was traveling on the wrong side of the roadway into oncoming traffic. Patrol units shadowed the motorist on the correct side of the roadway. A median barrier divided patrol vehicles from the fleeing motorist. The speed limit in

the pursuit did not go higher than approximately 60 MPH.

When we followed the motorist southbound on N Wenatchee Ave, I observed the motorcycle come to a sudden stop. It appeared the fleeing motorist was trying to turn the motorcycle around to head northbound. At this time, I observed Officer Virnig and Sergeant Garcia get out of their marked patrol vehicles and engage the motorist on foot. I immediately got out of my vehicle and engaged the motorcycle go into motion northbound on N Wenatchee Ave. At this time, I observed Officer Virnig wrap his arms around the passenger on the motorcycle. As the motorcycle accelerated, I observed the passenger fall off the back of the motorcycle along with Officer Virnig. The passenger was immediately detained in handcuffs and frisked for weapons. Once the passenger was detained, we cleared the roadway. The motorcycle continued northbound on Easy St. Several Chelan County units took over the pursuit of the fleeing motorist.

The passenger was positively identified as Chanda B. Higgins (DOB 3/22/84). Sergeant Garcia read Higgins her Constitutional Rights, which Higgins advised she understood and was willing to talk. At this time, I activated my body camera to record.

While Higgins was detained, she complained that her ribs were in pain. Aid was requested for a medical evaluation. I transported Higgins to the Discount Tire parking lot to meet with Ballard Ambulance and released her from custody. Higgins was evaluated by Ballard and was voluntarily transported to the hospital.

There was no further action taken by me on the remainder of the case.

End of report.

I certify (declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. (RCW 9A.72.085)

Investigating Officer

Date

Approved by

Date

Supplement
STOLEN/RECOVERED/DAMAGED/VALUE:
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EVIDENCE:
1. AXON body camera
2. Recorded statement

CHARGE(S):
1.

INVESTIGATOR'S NAME(S):
1. Karsten Garcia 1DO3

INVESTIGATION:

On 05-02-2020 at approximately 0003 hours, I was working uniformed patrol for the City of East Wenatchee and operating a fully marked patrol unit. I heard Officer Virnig advise Rivercom of a traffic stop. Immediately, Officer Virnig came on the radio and advised he was in pursuit of a vehicle occupied by two subjects. Officer Virnig advised he had a Douglas County unit with him.

Officer Virnig advised the pursuit was initiated for an equipment violation. Officer Virnig updated their location to northbound on N Grover Ave from 11th St NE.

I responded from Eastmont Ave and Grant Rd. As I travelled to Officer Virnig's location, he updated they were southbound on Briarwood Terrace approaching a dead end. Officer Virnig advised they were going to foot bail in the dead end. Officer Virnig then advised the vehicle was able to turn around and were northbound on Briarwood Terrace. Officer Virnig advised Sergeant Baker was primary pursuit vehicle and he was secondary.

As they pulled out on Eastmont Ave, I observed the vehicle was a motorcycle. As the motorcycle pulled out onto Eastmont Ave, it was Sergeant Baker as primary, Officer Virnig as secondary and me as the third unit. There was no traffic observed on the roadway.

The motorcycle travelled northbound on Eastmont Ave. Sergeant Baker advised us

to pass him and take over the pursuit. Officer Virnig and I passed him and became the primary and secondary units. The motorcycle continued onto the Eastmont Ave extension, where speeds reached approximately 50 mph. I took over the radio and communicated our updates to Rivercom.

The motorcycle then turned south onto N Baker Ave. It was clear the subject on the motorcycle was inexperienced because he would swing wide on every turn and slow way down. Speeds on N Baker Ave reached approximately 40 mph. The motorcycle then turned on 27th St NE without stopping at the stop sign. The motorcycle appeared to not be running very well and appeared to sputter many times. The motorcycle approached Sunset Hwy and turned south. The motorcycle continued southbound and reached speeds of approximately 60 mph. There was no traffic observed on the roadway.

Douglas County was able to shut down intersections we approached, making it safe for us to continue our pursuit.

The motorcycle hit the brakes and slowed to approximately 45 mph, then turned west onto 19th St NW. The motorcycle reached speeds of approximately 50 mph, then took the curve onto NW Cascade Ave. As we travelled northbound on NW Cascade Ave, the motorcycle reached speeds of 40 mph. There was no traffic observed on the roadway. The motorcycle continued northbound fluctuating between speeds of 45 mph and 60 mph.

The motorcycle slowed to 35 mph and turned eastbound on 33rd St NW. It was here, I was clearly able to observe there were two subjects on the motorcycle. The driver would wave his arm around ever so often; it was unclear the reason, but it appeared he was attempting to antagonize law enforcement.

The motorcycle travelled to Sunset Hwy and turned southbound. The motorcycle sped up to approximately 50 mph and then slowed to turn. The motorcycle turned eastbound onto Glendale St, which makes a loop and turns into Vine St NE. The motorcycle made the loop and returned to Sunset Hwy. Douglas County units had Sunset Hwy shut down to avoid traffic. No traffic was observed on the roadway.

The motorcycle turned northbound onto Sunset Hwy and sped up to approximately 45 mph. The motorcycle then turned westbound on Hwy 2 towards the Odabashian Bridge. The motorcycle travelled towards the bridge and crossed into the oncoming lanes. The motorcycle travelled across the bridge in the oncoming lanes. During this time, I observed 2 vehicles cross the bridge.

As soon as the motorcycle crossed the bridge, it took the exit onto Hwy 97 northbound. As the motorcycle went under the bridge, I lost sight of it. I stayed on Hwy 2 and waited for an updated location. Officer Virnig had taken the exit and was able to get behind the motorcycle again. They pulled back onto

Hwy 2 and I assumed the second position again. We continued westbound on Hwy 2 heading towards Wenatchee. The motorcycle took the offramp onto Hwy 285 towards Wenatchee. The motorcycle was driving into the oncoming lanes. No traffic was observed on the roadway.

The motorcycle started to sputter on the shoulder at this time. The driver of the motorcycle was attempting to turn his bike around and travel northbound. As he attempted to turn around, he was walking the motorcycle around. Officer Virnig and I saw an opportunity to apprehend the driver at this point. We put our vehicles in park and jumped over the jersey barrier. A car drove by which prevented me from reaching the motorcycle. Officer Virnig was able to get to the motorcycle. Officer Virnig grabbed the passenger to pull them to safety. Officer Virnig was able to pull the passenger off the motorcycle. During the grab, the driver of the motorcycle was able to accelerate and Officer Virnig was drug approximately 20 feet, before the passenger was pulled off the motorcycle. Officer Virnig was uninjured.

Officer Virnig and I detained the passenger and observed it was a female. She kept saying thank you over and over. I placed the female in handcuffs, which were checked for fit and double locked. I advised her she was detained until I could figure out what her involvement was.

Officer Virnig and I asked her who the driver of the motorcycle was. She was hesitant to provide it. I removed the passenger's helmet and learned it was Chanda B Higgins (DOB 03-22-1984). I read Higgins her Constitutional Rights, she stated she understood them and agreed to speak with me. Higgins stated the driver's name was Dale and he just got out of jail today. I advised Rivercom to contact the jail and search for that name. Rivercom advised the motorcycle was registered to a Dale Welton (DOB 10-13-1959).

After research, it was believed the driver of the motorcycle was Ryan Dale Welton (Dale) (DOB 01-02-1982). Higgins advised she only knew him by Dale. The registered owner is Ryan Welton's father.

I asked Higgins to give me a timeline of her day with Dale. Higgins stated she was in Wenatchee walking around because she is homeless. Dale approached her and asked her if she wanted to go for a ride. Higgins stated yes and got on the bike with him. Higgins stated she knew of Dale but today was the first time she had spent time with him. Dale asked her if she wanted to go for a ride and that's how this all started. Higgins stated Dale just got out of jail today, she explained he had been arrested on a drug charge.

Higgins stated during the pursuit, Dale was crying and saying, "I'm so scared, help me, help me." Higgins stated she didn't know if he was talking to her or God. I asked why he was waving his arms and she stated she didn't know.

Higgins explained he believed he was going to prison for the drug charge he recently got in Chelan County. Higgins stated she also believes he is bipolar and needs help.

I asked Higgins if she would consent to a search of her backpack and jacket, she stated yes. I searched her property but did not find anything of evidentiary value.

I asked Higgins is she tried to jump off the motorcycle in East Wenatchee. She stated, "I tried to, well I wanted to, I was pretty sure I was going to break my leg as soon as I put my foot down."

Higgins then started crying and stated she was having some type of nerve spasm. I asked her what I could do to help her, and she stated nothing. I advised Rivercom to dispatch AID and to meet us at Discount Tire.

I advised Higgins I arranged for AID to come make sure she was ok. Higgins was placed in the backseat of Officer Cooper's patrol unit. While she was in the backseat of the patrol unit, I advised her she would be released from custody. I instructed her to choose better friends because she could have died tonight. She stated, "I know It was really scary...I thought for sure that we were going to die." Officer Cooper told Higgins that officer that pulled her off the motorcycle risked his life to save hers. Higgins stated, "I know that's why I asked what his name was so I could say thank you."

I showed Higgins a Department of Licensing photo of Ryan Dale Welton and asked if he was the driver. She stated he looked different now. I pulled up a booking photo of Welton and observed his appearance was much different. He was skinnier and had shorter hair.

We travelled to the Discount Tire parking lot where Higgins was released from custody. I met with Higgins in the back of the ambulance and asked her if she would be willing to provide a recorded statement, she stated yes. I activated my recorder and read the East Wenatchee recorded statement outline. Higgins gave consent on the recording for the statement. I read Higgins her Constitutional Rights again for the recording, Higgins stated she understood her rights and agreed to speak with me.

Higgins reiterated the story provided earlier. Dale saw her and asked her if she wanted to go for a joy ride, she stated yes. They went for a ride on the motorcycle when they saw a police officer behind them. The officer attempted to pull them over and Dale took off. Dale was saying he was scared, and he needed help. Higgins stated she tried to jump off the motorcycle at the end because she was so scared. Higgins stated she asked him to stop but he wouldn't. I asked her what she said to him when they were going the wrong way. Higgins

stated, "I asked him if he was crazy, are you out of your mind, you're going to get us killed, I'm going to die.... I thought we were going to." Higgins became emotional while saying this. I confirmed with Higgins the photo I showed her of Ryan Dale Welton was the person she was with and she stated it was. With Higgins permission I ended the recording.

I cleared my contact and returned to East Wenatchee.

I certify (declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. (RCW 9A.72.085)
Investigating Officer
Date
Approved by

Vehicles

Date

Vehicle Number:

264489

License Plate: 6E0652 License Type: MC Motorcycle

State: WA Expires: 02/22/21

Vehicle Year: 2007 VIN: JH2MC13057K3070

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Make: HOND Honda Model: CMX250

Color: MAR / Doors: 0
Vehicle Type: MC Motorcycle Value: \$0.00

Owner:

Last: WELTON First: DALE Mid: ALVIN

DOB: 10/13/59 Address: 1G-Personal Info

Race: W Sex: M Phone: 1G-Personal Info 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:

Property

Property Number: 2000456 Item: purse Brand: PURSE W/WALLET

Total Value: \$0.00 Owner: HIGGINS CHANDA BREEANN 41808 Model: MISC ITEMS

Serial:

Name Involvements:

CONTACTED: S148287

Last: WELTON First: DALE Mid: ALVIN

DOB: 10/13/59 Address: 1G-Personal Info

Race: W Sex: M Phone: 1G-Personal Info City: 1G-Personal Info

TRANSPORTED: 41808

Last: HIGGINS First: CHANDA Mid: BREEANN

DOB: 03/22/84 Address: 1G-Personal Info

Race: W Sex: F Phone: 1G-Personal Info City: 1G-Personal Info

SUSPECT: X0133033

Last: WELTON First: RYAN Mid: DALE

DOB: 01/02/82 Address: 1G-Personal Info

Race: W Sex: M Phone: 1G-Personal Info City: 1G-Personal Info

Complainant: EWPD

Last: EAST WENATCHEE POLICE DEPT First: Mid: DOB: **/**/** Address: 50 SIMON ST # 1; EWPD

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

TOW USED: RANDYS

Last: RANDYS TOWING First: Mid:

DOB: **/** Address: 353 MALAGA ALCOA HWY # MAIN; RANDYS TOWING

Race: Sex: Phone: (509)663-8471 City: WENATCHEE, WA 98801

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