
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



CASE NUMBER: 10-6322

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 09/01/10 - 10:24 am

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NATURE OF STORY: Chase/Apprehension

LOCATION: Springfield

INVOLVED: George, Jeff L. - Age 30 - Formerly of Springfield
Recently living in Phoenix, AZ area

DETAILS:

On 09-01-10 at about 10:24 am, Lane County Sheriff Deputy Gordon Gill along with Deputy (in training) Josh Mars were in the area of 30th Street and I-5, when Gill observed a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of a gas station near the interchange. Deputy Gill ran the license plate on the vehicle and learned the plates were reported as stolen from the Roseburg area.

The deputies attempted to stop the vehicle, which fled south at a high rate of speed on Highway 99. The vehicle continued south to Creswell, where Deputy Gill located it again and the vehicle fled north on I-5. While on the interstate, the vehicle exceeded 100 mph. The car exited I-5 at the Glenwood ramp, and continued toward Springfield. The vehicle went through several neighborhoods in Springfield, as far north as Centennial Boulevard, before coming back through downtown.

Assisting officers from the Springfield Police Department used spike strips on Mill Street near D Street, flattening one of the tires on the fleeing vehicle. The tire ultimately disintegrated and the vehicle was driving on the rim before stopping on 19th Street, north of Main Street. The driver fled but was quickly apprehended by a Springfield Police K-9 unit.

The vehicle was driven by Jeff L. George, age 30, a former Springfield resident most recently living in the Phoenix, Arizona area. Deputies learned that the vehicle was reported stolen on August 24 in the Phoenix area. There was also an arrest warrant for George out of Arizona. Two local women who were passengers in the car were briefly detained before being released. George was transported by Springfield ambulance to a local hospital where he was treated for injuries related to resisting the police K-9.

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