

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 06-9573

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 11/07/06 7:25 AM

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NATURE OF STORY: ELUDE OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTY

LOCATION: Hwy 99 area in west Eugene

**INVOLVED: Best, Rex Hestler
Age 43**

DETAILS:

This morning at approximately 7:25AM a Sheriff's deputy assigned to the traffic team attempted to stop a vehicle that was traveling southbound on Hwy 99 near Prairie Rd.

Best, the driver of the vehicle failed to stop and continued traveling southbound on Hwy 99 towards Bethel. He eventually stopped the vehicle, got out, and ran from the deputy.

After the foot pursuit began additional Sheriff's deputies, Eugene Police officers and Oregon State troopers were dispatched to the location. A short time later (approx. 30 minutes) Best was taken into custody.

Best was found hiding in a motor home at 2631 Edison in Eugene. He has been living in this motor home for a couple of months. Best borrowed the car he was driving from another person that also lived at this residence.

Best was lodged at the Lane County Jail on outstanding warrants for Assault 4-Felony (Parole Violation) False Information to Police, and Possession of Meth. He received new charges of Elude by Foot and Elude by Vehicle.

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