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Two 15 year-old Females Elude Tigard Police In a Stolen Vehicle

On November 13th at approximately 2:50 a.m., Tigard Police were dispatched to a report of a stolen vehicle from a convenience store parking lot located in the 15900 block of SW Hall Blvd. The victim told police the vehicle was taken while delivering newspapers inside a business. A Tigard Police officer quickly on scene spotted the stolen minivan with two occupants as it traveled along Durham Rd. in Tigard. The stolen minivan continued along Upper Boones Ferry attempting to elude the Tigard officer who was pursuing with emergency lights and sirens activated in efforts to bring the vehicle to a halt. A short time later the minivan turned-off the roadway into a business parking lot and stopped. The Tigard officer took the driver and passenger, both 15 year-old females into custody without further incident.

The arrested pair advised police they were runaways from the Medford area. They also shared information that while hitchhiking along I-5 near Tigard they were picked up by a man driving a pickup towing a trailer. The two girls spent many hours with the suspect as he went from jobsite to jobsite making lighting repairs in the Wilsonville, Tualatin and Tigard areas. The investigating officer obtained information alleging during this time, the suspect had consumed methamphetamine which was offered to one of the runaways. The suspect also allegedly assisted the runaways in locating a viable vehicle to steal and use to return the pair back home to the Medford area.

A Tigard Police officer was ultimately able to locate the suspect while he was working at a job-site located at a shopping center along Tualatin-Sherwood Rd. in Tualatin. Kelly Ferguson, 44, was taken into custody and lodged in the Washington County Jail. Ferguson is charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (Conspiracy); Possession of a Controlled Substance and Distribution of a Controlled Substance to a Minor (methamphetamine).

Both juveniles were lodged at Donald E. Long Juvenile Detention Facility in Portland on charges of Unauthorized Use of a Stolen Vehicle. In addition to both being held as runaways, the driver of the stolen minivan was also charged with Attempt to Elude Police. The parents of both girls were notified of their arrest.