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### **Tualatin Woman Arrested By Tigard Police After Pursuit**

On Wednesday, March 11, 2015, a Tualatin woman led Tigard Police on a pursuit lasting 20 minutes. The route which extended into three neighboring cities ended when the suspect, 48 year-old Melissa Wilson attempted to drive the wrong way onto Highway 217 in Beaverton. It was then a Tigard Police officer successfully effected a pit maneuver bringing the suspect's vehicle to a halt. Wilson was immediately taken custody without further incident.

The ordeal began at approximately 9:20 a.m. when a Tigard Police officer was checking on a reported suspicious vehicle near 110<sup>th</sup> and SW North Dakota in Tigard. When the officer approached the occupied vehicle, the driver fled. The officer began to follow the suspect and attempted to stop the vehicle. The driver failed to yield to the officer's use of emergency lights and sirens. The suspect led several other Tigard Police officers on a route extending into Southwest Portland then traveling into Beaverton. A Beaverton Police officer was able to successfully deploy spike strips when the suspect traveled along Beaverton-Hillsboro Hwy near 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The spike strips flattened all four tires on the suspect's vehicle however the driver continued along. Soon after, the suspect turned onto the off-ramp extending from northbound Highway 217 traveling the wrong way until she was intercepted by a Tigard Police officer bringing the incident to an end.

Wilson was lodged in the Washington County Jail. Wilson had outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrants. In addition, local charges included reckless driving, eluding police and possession of methamphetamine.

