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## **Assault Suspect Steals Tigard Police Vehicle**

On October 18, 2017 at approximately 4:25 p.m., a Tigard Police officer was called to an apartment dwelling located at 16280 SW 113<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Tigard. A caller reported two men fighting. When the officer arrived he observed an adult male being treated by medical personnel at the scene. As the officer was exiting his vehicle, he was met by another adult male who was told to wait nearby. While the officer attempted to check on the injured man, the suspect entered the unoccupied patrol vehicle and drove-off. The officer was unsuccessful in stopping the suspect as the vehicle accelerated away. The officer quickly broadcast the incident over the radio and other Tigard Police units were responding in search of the stolen vehicle.

A Tigard Police Commander monitoring the situation and driving to the scene, spotted the stolen patrol vehicle as it entered into the parking lot of the Masonic Lodge located at 13680 SW Pacific Highway in Tigard. After stopping and exiting the vehicle, the suspect then attempted entry into the closed lodge by smashing a window adjacent to the front entrance. As other patrol units arrived, the suspect continued attempting entry while ignoring police commands. Officers utilized several tactics which ultimately allowed them to close-in and take the suspect into custody with further incident.

The suspect, identified as 24 year-old Djordje Djuric, was checked by medical personnel at the scene and subsequently cleared and transported to the Washington County Jail in Hillsboro. No injuries or damages were reported in connection with the stolen vehicle.

Djuric was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Assault IV, Criminal Mischief and Resisting Arrest. Djuric awaits arraignment.