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From: Jennifer L. McFarland

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RE: Arrest in Potlatch

On 30 May 2006 at about 2118 hours Deputy Rich Skiles attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle being driven by Ronald R. Hogshooter, for speeding, 45 MPH in a posted 25 MPH zone, in the City of Potlatch. When Dep. Skiles activated his emergency lights to stop the vehicle, Hogshooter began attempting to elude Dep. Skiles.

Hogshooter lost control of his vehicle and slid into a yard. Dep. Skiles stopped within 20 feet of Hogshooter's vehicle. Hogshooter deliberately rammed Dep. Skiles patrol car and continued fleeing. Dep. Skiles continued after Hogshooter. At the intersection of Cedar and 10th Streets in Potlatch, Hogshooter again lost control of his vehicle and struck a streetlight pole, breaking it in half. Dep. Skiles placed his vehicle against the side of Hogshooter's car, so he could not continue driving.

Hogshooter exited his vehicle and began running away from the scene. Dep. Skiles chased Hogshooter, and ordered him to stop multiple times. Hogshooter eventually stopped and complied with Dep. Skiles orders.

Hogshooter was transported to Gritman Medical Center by the Potlatch Ambulance, where he was treated and released for injuries sustained by the airbag in his vehicle. Hogshooter was not wearing a seatbelt. Dep. Skiles was not injured during this event.

Hogshooter was arrested and has been charged with Driving Under the Influence, Felony Eluding an Officer and Aggravated Assault.

Prepared by Chief Deputy Brian Strampher