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On November 19 at just before 11:00 PM, Rivercom communications received an alarm call from Pat and Mike's store located at 53 South Lakeshore in Chelan. A responsible party arrived at the store and observed some major damage to the wall and believed someone crashed through the wall and then fled. It wasn't until Deputies arrived did they discover a vehicle that had driven into the building, was in fact still inside inside the building. The vehicle, a black 2013 Ford Explorer was being driven by 23 year old Justyn Corter of Chelan. He was northbound on Hwy 97 and left the roadway at SR 971, just missing the guard rail and gas pumps of the store. The vehicle crashed through the wall and stopped deep inside the building causing a large amount of damage. Corter was transported to the Lake Chelan Community Hospital where he was treated and released with non-life threatening injuries. The owner of the store was notified and there was an attempt to tow the vehicle out of the store, but before they started, it was determined to be too dangerous, as the structural integrity of the building was compromised. It was decided to tow the vehicle out in the daylight after the building was shored up a bit to facilitate a safe removal of the vehicle.

Alcohol and cell phone operation was a factor in the collision, which is still being investigated.

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