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Chelan County Sheriff Brian Burnett reports on April 30, 2015 at approximately 1030 hours, deputies from the Chelan County Sheriff's Office were involved in the pursuit of a vehicle in the Lake Wenatchee area, on Chiwawa Loop Road.

RiverCom Dispatch received a call regarding the vehicle, reported to be a black PT Cruiser, driving in the wrong lane of travel for approximately a mile. The vehicle had reportedly also run through a construction zone, endangering a flagger. The responding Deputy was in the area and rapidly located the vehicle, observing the driver cross into oncoming traffic over a double yellow line on a left hand curve. The vehicle did not yield to the emergency lights and siren, and continued on, swerving from one side of the roadway to the other, at speeds of 25-50 MPH.

A second deputy joined the pursuit, got in front of the vehicle and slowed to prevent the driver from continuing. The driver, John Burpee, 57, of Leavenworth was arrested and charged with Attempting to Elude, Driving Under the Influence, and Resisting Arrest.

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