



COLUMBIA RIVER DRUG TASK FORCE

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On 11/1/2023 at approximately 1400 hrs, the Columbia River Drug Task Force located Steven A. Irland, who had been a long time target of theirs. Irland was wanted by East Wenatchee PD on charges of Felony Eluding, and Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, in addition to a court ordered arrest warrant.

Task Force Detectives located Irland in a garage off Douglas St in Rock Island. As they advised him he was under arrest, he immediately ran and got into his vehicle parked in the driveway. Once in the vehicle, he attempted to escape by ramming a patrol vehicle parked behind him. After failing to escape in the vehicle, Irland exited the vehicle indicating he was surrendering. As detectives were moving in to place him under arrest, he fled on foot. A short foot pursuit ensued, and detectives were able to quickly catch up with him. He was finally placed under arrest.

Irland was later booked into the Chelan County Regional Justice Center. Detectives obtained a search warrant for the vehicle Irland was in. In the vehicle detectives recovered an E-Bike stolen out of Leavenworth, a pistol grip shotgun, AR15 rifle, approximately 1000 fentanyl pills, fentanyl powder, illegal mushrooms, and items used for distribution of drugs.

The Columbia River Drug Task Force will be contacting their federal partners for possible federal charges in addition to the local charges.