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Malaga Man arrested for Reckless Endangerment and Felony Eluding

Chelan County Sheriff Mike Morrison reports, on 11/6/24, at approximately 6:09 AM, Chelan County Deputies responded to 3821 Malaga Alcoa Hwy, the “Malaga Market” for a welfare check.

It was reported to deputies that a male had been parked in their parking lot since 3:00 AM and hadn’t moved. The driver, a male, appeared to be passed out in the driver’s seat. The deputies were advised that the male had done this before and the last time was seen with drug paraphernalia.

Deputies arrived on scene and made contact with the driver who was identified as, Brandon M. Wilson, a 24 year old male from Malaga, WA. Deputies believed Wilson was under the influence at the time of the contact. Wilson also had a felony warrant for his arrest. Wilson, who heard that he had a warrant, then dug around for his keys to his black Chevy Suburban and started the vehicle. One deputy attempted to open Wilson’s door to remove him from the vehicle but Wilson began to take off. The other deputy attempted to pin Wilson’s vehicle in with their patrol vehicle, to keep Wilson from leaving.

At this point Wilson fled the scene at a high rate of speed and in the process, the patrol vehicle was damaged and he ran a citizen off the road, as well as drove into oncoming lanes of traffic. Deputies, who had started to pursue, discontinued pursuing at that time, due to the time of day, the actions of the suspect, the rate of speed from the suspect putting the public in danger, and Wilson, was identified and known to the deputies.

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Later at about, 9:22 AM, a citizen called in a traffic offense involving Wilson in the area of Malaga. Deputies responded to the area and located Wilson, who exited his vehicle and ran on foot. Wilson was taken into custody.

Wilson was transferred to the Chelan County Regional Justice Center for violations of

- RCW 9A.36.050 – Reckless Endangerment
- RCW 46.61.024 – Attempting to elude a police vehicle
- RCW 46.61.502 – Driving under the influence
- RCW 9A.48.080 – Malicious mischief 2nd
- RCW 9A.76.040 – Resisting arrest

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