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Wanted Suspect Crashes Vehicle Dalton Gardens Home

Dalton Gardens, Idaho: On November 06, 2017 Kootenai County deputies arrested Cesar Arana -30 of Post Falls, ID for Felony Eluding, Reckless Driving, Leaving the Scene of a Crash, DUI, and Possession of Marijuana after leading deputies on a short pursuit and crashing into an occupied home in Dalton Gardens home.

About 8:25 p.m. a Kootenai County Sheriff's Deputy attempted to stop a vehicle for driving without headlights near Government Way and Orchard Ave. in Hayden, Idaho. The driver of the vehicle would not yield and led the deputy on a short pursuit with speeds reaching nearly 80 mph. The driver eventually lost control and crashed into an occupied residence located in the 7000 block of Rude St. in Dalton Gardens. After crashing into the home, the driver fled the scene on foot.

Thanks to Kootenai County Sheriff's K-9 unit "Bari," Arana was successfully tracked and found hiding under a motor home near the crash scene. He was safely taken into custody without incident. Due to being involved in the crash, Arana was transported to Kootenai Health and has since been released.

Arana was wanted in Kootenai County on charges stemming from a previous DUI. Arana has been arrested 19 times prior in Kootenai County since 2003 for a variety of previous charges including, eluding a police officer, DUI, obstructing law enforcement, disturbing the peace and drug charges.

The residence struck by the vehicle suffered significant damage, but none of occupants were injured in the collision. The Idaho State Police are assisting with the crash investigation.

Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff
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