



# YAKIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Yakima County Sheriff's Office Press Release For Immediate Release

Date: July 6, 2019

Incident Number: 19c11665

Incident/Offense: Vehicle Pursuit/Stolen Vehicle Recovery/Felon in Possession of Firearm/Felony Warrant Arrest/K9 apprehension

Location: 1800 block of South Oldenway Road.

Incident Date and Time: July 6, 2019 @ 0216 AM

At 0216 hours on July 6, 2019 a Yakima County Sheriff's Office Deputy located an occupied stolen vehicle at the Yakima Legends Casino just outside the City of Toppenish. A second unit arrived with the first Deputy and they attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle refused to stop, and he accelerated away from the Deputies westbound on Fort Road. After driving at high speeds, the suspect made a right turn onto South Oldenway Road and immediately fled from the vehicle on foot. One of the pursuing Deputies saw the suspect jump over a fence of a yard in the area. A Yakima Nation Police Officer located a firearm on the ground in the path of the suspect's travel. Responding units from the Washington State Patrol, Toppenish Police Department and Yakima Nation Police assisted with containing the area until Deputy Nick Ward and his partner K9 Zuza arrived on scene.

K9 Zuza located and bit the suspect that was attempting to conceal himself. She bit him and held onto his leg until law enforcement officers were able to handcuff and subdue the suspect. The suspect had minor bite wounds to his leg and he was treated at a local hospital prior to being booked into the Yakima County Jail.

The suspect is a 27-year-old male from the Toppenish-area. He is a convicted felon, registered sex offender, gang member and was wanted by the Department of Corrections for Escape from Community Custody related to a robbery conviction. He had been evading the Department of Corrections since a warrant for his arrest was issued on September 17, 2018.

After being treated for his injuries, the suspect was booked into the Yakima County Jail for Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, Attempting to Elude a Police Vehicle, Felon in Possession of a Firearm in the First Degree and his outstanding Department of Corrections Felony Warrant.

We would like to thank the following agencies for assisting us in the capture of this dangerous, armed and wanted felon:

The Washington State Patrol  
The Toppenish Police Department  
The Yakama Nation Tribal Police

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