Yakima County Sheriff’s Office Press Release
For Immediate Release

Date: June 27, 2020

Incident Number: 20c10765

Incident/Offense: Domestic Violence Assault & Vehicular Assault

Location: 700 Buena Road Buena, Washington

Incident Date and Time: June 27, 2020 0554 hours

The Yakima County Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call from the 700 block of Buena Road regarding a reported hit and run incident at 0554 hours on June 27, 2020. A car had reportedly rammed a vehicle in the parking lot of a convenience store in the 700 block of Buena Road. There was an additional call to 911 describing an assault between a man and a woman at that location.

Yakima County Sheriff’s Office Deputies responded to the scene immediately. From witness statements and security camera videos, the incident started as a domestic violence assault in the parking lot. A woman known to the Sheriff’s Office and local law enforcement can be seen walking her dog into the parking lot. A red Honda Accord drives into the lot and parks in a parking spot ahead of the female. The woman immediately turns around and quickly walks away from the vehicle. A male, identified as 45-year-old Rolando Roy Rivas exits the vehicle and runs directly at the woman. Rivas strikes the woman several times, throws her to the ground, and he violently kicks the woman as she is helpless on the ground. Rivas then stands over her and punches her with a closed fist multiple times.

An uninvolved male was sitting in his vehicle next to the location of the assault. Rivas pounds on the door of this vehicle and then returns to his Honda Accord. He backs the vehicle quickly and accelerates rapidly toward the other male’s automobile. The front of Rivas’ vehicle struck the passenger side of uninvolved male’s vehicle, pushing the car sideways a couple of feet. The woman jumps into the passenger side of Rivas’s vehicle and he rams the other vehicle a second time. The second vehicle moves a couple of feet from this second impact. Rivas backs and accelerates into the passenger side rear of the vehicle, spinning it 90-degrees and pushing the automobile backwards approximately the width of two parking stalls. Rivas flees the parking lot with the female passenger still in his car.
The male sitting in his vehicle did not know Rivas or his girlfriend. He made no attempt to intercede and he was simply an innocent bystander who is a regular customer of the store.

Rivas’ automobile was found floating in a canal near the intersection of Beam Road and East Zillah Drive at approximately 1100 hours. We have not located Rivas or the female victim in this case. No one was found in the vehicle, but evidence linking the two individuals was located during an inventory search.

Rivas is a convicted felon, known to carry firearms, hostile and assaultive towards police. The woman he assaulted has an active No-Contact Order against Rivas.

Charging documents have been drafted requesting that Rivas be charged for the following crimes:

RCW 9A.36.021  Assault in the Second Degree
RCW 9A.48.080  Malicious Mischief in the Second Degree
RCW 25.50.110  Assault in Violation of a Domestic Violence No-Contact Order

If you see Rivas or know of his whereabouts, please call 911 immediately.

Please contact the Yakima County Sheriff’s Office (509-574-2500) or Crimes Stoppers at (800) 248-9980/www.crimestoppersyakco.org if you have any information related to this investigation.

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