

Redmond driver who fled from police surrenders

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A 19-year-old Redmond man turned himself into police this morning, admitting he was the driver of a car involved in a police pursuit after he failed to stop for a traffic violation in the early morning hours on Monday. The vehicle was abandoned when the driver and a passenger fled on foot.

Redmond Police Lt. Jason Rogers said John Thomas Groves, 19, voluntarily surrendered at the police station about 11 a.m. today. Groves admitted he drove the vehicle involved in the short pursuit about 3:45 a.m. Monday, which went from the intersection of SW Highland Avenue and SW 15th Street to SW Reindeer Avenue near SW 26th Street. There he and an unidentified passenger ran from the scene.

Police searched the area with the assistance of a police dog but were unable to locate the suspects, the lieutenant said.

Following an interview at the police station, Grove was taken into custody and lodged in the Deschutes County Jail. He is charged with attempt to elude a police officer, reckless driving, and reckless endangering.

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