

Madras man allegedly tries to drive over sleeping campmate

by Cheryl McDermott

CROOK COUNTY, Ore. — A 44-year old Madras man, reportedly drinking and arguing with the two women he was camping with in the Ochoco Mountains, was arrested Saturday morning for attempted manslaughter and other crimes after he allegedly drove his pickup over a tent where one of his campmates was sleeping.

The campsite off USFS Road 33, and (inset) Patrick Donaldson - CCSO photos Patrick Donaldson left the scene in his 1992 Toyota pickup about 6:30 a.m., April 12, after narrowly missing the woman when he allegedly drove over the top of her small tent, Crook County Sheriff's Sgt. James C. Savage and Deputy Bill Elliott stated in a news release. The incident reportedly took place on U.S. Forest Service Road 33 near milepost 2 in the Ochoco Mountains.

Donaldson was found a short time later by Deputy Elliott about 15 miles northwest of what was called the site of the "domestic disturbance". An Oregon State Police trooper discovered Donaldson's pickup,

crashed, a short distance away, the deputies said.

The suspect was arrested and lodged in the Crook County Jail where he is charged with first-degree attempted manslaughter, first-degree attempted assault, fourth-degree assault, reckless endangering, and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

The investigation is ongoing, Savage and Elliott said.

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