Hit-and-run driver strikes 2 cars, wants to meet police

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GRESHAM, Ore. â€“ Police say a driver who suffers from Bi-polar disorder may or may not have been taking his medication when he intentionally crashed into two cars, one of them a police vehicle, then failed to yield to police on Interstate-84 Thursday morning.

Edet Efflong Asana â€“ MCDC photo According to a news release issued by Sgt. Michael LeDuc of the Gresham Police Department, 60-year old Edet Efflong Asana of SE Portland was driving east on the interstate near NE 148th Avenue when he crashed his 1991 Acura Legend into the rear of a Chevrolet Tahoe then drove by, waving and smiling at the other driver.

After striking the Tahoe, Asana struck an unmarked police vehicle driven by Gresham Police Sgt. Marvin Matson, pulled over to the side of the road before re-entering traffic and failing to yield to arriving patrol vehicles, LeDuc stated.

Heavily damaged, Asanaâ€™s car could only travel at 4-5 mph, and was eventually forced to stop more than 30 blocks away near NE 181st Avenue. Police said he was speaking incoherently and taken to the police station where he told investigators that he struck the two vehicles because he â€œwanted to meet the policeâ€•.

Asana was booked into the Multnomah County Detention Center and was charged with five counts of reckless endangering, four counts of third-degree assault, two counts of hit-and-run, and two counts of second-degree criminal mischief. More charges are possible, LeDuc said, and bail was set at $32,500.

Sgt. Madtson and the driver of the Tahoe both reportedly suffered minor back and neck injuries.

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