

Car thief eludes capture following police chase

by Cheryl McDermott

A suspected thief abandoned a car stolen from Bend after getting the vehicle high-centered and stuck on rocks following a police pursuit through Redmond and onto a gravel and dirt road leading out of town early Sunday morning, deputies reported.

The stolen vehicle, a 1995 Dodge Intrepid, failed to yield to emergency lights about 4:15 a.m. June 17 when a Deschutes County Sheriff's deputy attempted a traffic stop for traveling the wrong way on SW Glacier Avenue, a one-way street, Sgt. Chad Davis said.

The suspect fled through Redmond, leaving city limits via East Antler Avenue, which is a very rough gravel and dirt road leading into county property. The deputy terminated the pursuit, said Davis.

Redmond Police officers assisted deputies in searching for the vehicle, which was found on Highway 126 East near milepost 3. The Dodge was high-centered on rocks and abandoned, the sergeant reported, and deputies learned that the vehicle was stolen from the Bend area.

Deschutes County K-9 dog, Mika, was brought in to search for the suspect, but results were negative, Sgt. Davis said.

Deputies continue their investigation to identify the suspect.

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