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**Press Release**

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**Driver Attempts to Elude Officers**

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at approximately 1:50 AM, Sequim Police Officers observed a vehicle leaving the parking lot, in the 100 block of River Road and onto River Road. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle for a traffic infraction by activating their emergency lights. The driver did not stop. The driver accelerated to high speeds and subsequently crashed his vehicle. The driver was evaluated at the hospital before being booked into jail for numerous offences.

Officer Rick Larsen attempted to stop a vehicle for a minor traffic infraction; the vehicle had a headlight out. The driver of the vehicle was later identified as Gerald Spry, a 43 year-old transient male. Spry continued driving on River Road reaching speeds of over 70 MPH in a 45 MPH zone. Spry lost control of his vehicle near Secor Road. Spry collided with a sign, went through a ditch and hit a fence. Medics responded to the scene and later transported Spry to Olympic Medical Hospital. Spry was evaluated and later released. Spry was then taken to Clallam County Jail and booked.

Spry is facing four different charges related to this incident; Eluding Police Officers, Driving Under the Influence, Reckless Driving, and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Eluding is a felony charge while the others are misdemeanors.

During this arrest Spry made the statement to police that he saw police and decided to just go for it. Spry had also been booked Sequim Police Officers on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for Assault Fourth Degree- Domestic Violence and a warrant. Spry was released from jail on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 due to a medical issue.

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