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On March 11th, 2022 at around 2:05 pm, Rivercom received a report of a non-injury accident at the intersection of US 2 and Easy Street in Wenatchee, WA. The suspect vehicle, a black Dodge Dakota fled the collision Westbound on US 2. Multiple callers reported the vehicle driving erratically on US 2 at speeds estimated to be over one hundred miles an hour. A Chelan County Sheriff's Deputy spotted the vehicle in Dryden, WA westbound on US 2 at a high rate of speed and continuing to drive erratically. The Deputy initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and the vehicle fled passing other vehicles on the shoulder and forcing vehicles off the road. The Deputy terminated the pursuit. A 2nd CCSO Deputy was traveling Eastbound from Leavenworth on US 2 and observed the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed coming towards him. The Deputy activated his emergency lights while the suspect vehicle was continuing eastbound on US 2. The suspect vehicle went around a vehicle traveling westbound and veered into the eastbound lane striking the Deputy's patrol vehicle along the driver's side and ultimately disabling the deputy's vehicle. The suspect vehicle crashed a short distance later near Prey's Fruit Stand on US 2. The suspect fled on foot, attempting to flag down vehicles for a ride. The suspect was contacted by CCSO deputies in the Prey's Fruit stand parking lot and taken into custody at around 2:22 pm.

The Washington State Patrol was called out to handle the collision between the suspect vehicle and the CCSO Deputy vehicle. The suspect is under investigation for numerous felonies to include eluding and possession of a stolen vehicle, along with DUI and Hit and Run. The suspect is a 21 year old male from Bremerton, WA. The suspect vehicle was reported stolen out of Bremerton, WA. The deputy who was struck by the suspect vehicle was checked out at the hospital and released with minor injuries.

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