

Man arrested after high-speed chase

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A man who told police he was hunting Sasquatch is in the Benewah County Jail after a high speed chase that ended with his arrest Sunday in Worley.

David Mack Albrethsen, 39, is charged with felony eluding after deputies and tribal police used a nail strip to stop his vehicle in Worley.

He was arrested a few days earlier for eluding officers in Utah, police said.

The Orem, Utah man was driving north on Highway 95 at 12:02 a.m. Sunday in a blue 1999 Toyota Corolla when a county deputy clocked his speed at 80 mph, according to a police report.

Deputy Mike Richardson pursued the Toyota with his siren on and his lights flashing, clocking the Corolla at speeds in excess of a 100 mph, according to the deputy.

The vehicle accelerated and swerved into the southbound lane forcing oncoming traffic off the road, the deputy wrote in his report.

"He slowed down to between 80 and 90 mph through Plummer," the officer wrote.

The officer notified Kootenai County deputies as well as Idaho State Police and when the vehicle crossed the Kootenai County line, tribal police responded by placing a carpet of nails across the highway near the grain elevators in Worley.

When officers arrested Albrethsen after his vehicle swerved off the road in Worley, he was combative and tried breaking the windows out of the county patrol car, Deputy Richardson said in his report.

"He advised that he was on his way to kill Sasquatch and that he almost had him, but we ruined it," the officer wrote.

The man also told police that he had been poisoned by radiation from Russians, according to the report.

Police opened the patrol car door when the man tried breaking the windows, and after several attempts to calm him, sprayed Albrethsen with pepper spray, according to the report.

"He continued to resist," Richardson said.

He was hobbled and locked into the vehicle.

Police cited the 39-year-old with eluding officers, DUI, reckless driving and resisting officers.

He was formally charged Monday, and is in the Benewah County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.