

February 6, 2013

On Wednesday, February 6, 2013, just after 3:30 PM, members of the North Idaho Violent Crimes Task Force (NIVCTF), with the assistance of a Kootenai County Sheriff's Office K9 unit, attempted to stop a vehicle, known to be operated by a wanted felony fugitive. The fugitive driver, Patrick S. Dalton, 30, whose last known address was believed to be in Clarkston, WA, was wanted as an Escapee from Community Custody out of Washington and also for a felony Failure to Appear warrant out of Nez Pierce County, Idaho. The warrant return from Washington showed Dalton's original charge as dangerous drug related, listing Dalton as a violent offender and a Skinhead gang member. The Nez Pierce County warrant was for Eluding and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

When units attempted to stop Dalton in the area of US Hwy 95 and W. Canfield Ave. in the northern end of the city of Coeur d Alene, he immediately attempted to elude them and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit circled itself briefly then travelled southbound on N. 4th Street, through Dalton Gardens and back into the city of Coeur d Alene, during which Dalton drove recklessly in an effort to get away. Prior to reaching the downtown area, the pursuit turned west to Northwest Boulevard. Dalton lost control of the vehicle at the intersection of Northwest Boulevard and W. Hubbard Ave., and crashed into a center median landscaping and his vehicle became high-centered.

Dalton then fled his vehicle on foot and was pursued by deputies and officers from the Coeur d Alene City Police Department, who had joined the pursuit. Dalton was taken into custody after the KCSO K9 unit was able to locate and contact him. A subsequent evidence search of the immediate area showed Dalton tried to discard about 4 ounces of drugs believed to be methamphetamine.

Dalton was initially treated at the scene by medical personnel as a result of his contact with the K9 unit and was taken to Kootenai Health for follow up treatment before he was taken to the Kootenai County Public Safety Building. In addition to the two felony warrants, Dalton was charged with Felony Drug Trafficking, Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance and Felony Eluding.

Two passengers in the car driven by Dalton were also taken into custody without incident and transported to the PSB. Brett C. Sears, 28, of Spokane, was charged with Felony Possession of A Controlled Substance. Katie A. Gendron, 18, of Spokane, was charged with Misdemeanor Possession of a Controlled Substance and Frequenting.

Other than the K9 contact to Dalton, no persons were injured during this incident. The only damage reported was to the landscaping in the center median that Dalton crashed into and the car that Dalton was driving.

Per protocols, the Idaho State Police was called to the scene to investigate the crash portion of the pursuit.

Further investigation is ongoing at this time.