



# Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365

## MEDIA RELEASE

11/03/2009 2:30 p.m.

**Incident:** Criminal Trespass II; **Case 09N-02038**  
Kidnapping I; Elude;  
Driving While Suspended

**Location:** 533 East Olive Street, Newport

**Date/Time:** 11/02/2009 at 10:39 a.m.

**Victims:** Peggy Harlan, age 64 from Texas  
Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Newport

**Arrested:** Uriah James Stitt, age 35 from Newport

**Details:** On 11/02/2009 at 10:09 a.m., Newport Police Officers were dispatched to a disturbance at Enterprise Rent-a-Car on East Olive Street. The reporting party said that Mr. Stitt was at their business, refusing to leave and demanding that his wife leave with him, against her will. The witnesses said that, at one point, Mr. Stitt forced his wife into their truck until by-standers intervened and removed her from the truck. When Mr. Stitt learned that the police had been called, he fled the scene in his 1995 white pickup truck. Witnesses relayed the truck's description to dispatch; the information was quickly broadcast to responding officers.

Mr. Stitt was sighted driving away from the scene. Officers activated their emergency lights and sirens, but Mr. Stitt refused to stop. An officer pursued Mr. Stitt through commercial and residential areas of Newport, reaching speeds of 20 to 25 mph.

The slow speed pursuit ended back at the Enterprise Rent-a-Car parking lot, where Mr. Stitt quickly exited his truck and started towards the office area where his wife was located. Mr. Stitt was taken into custody, lodged at the Lincoln County Jail, and charged with Criminal Trespass II, Kidnapping I, Elude, and Driving While Suspended. His bail was set at \$230,000.00

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