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Felony Hit & Run Driver Arrested

Spokane – On May 10, 2018, at 10:17 pm, Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers attempted to stop a white Dodge Charger that was traveling without its headlights on near Division and Wellesley, in the City of Spokane. The Charger failed to stop and after a short two minute pursuit troopers terminated the chase. A few minutes later the Charger was involved in a collision at the intersection of Rowan Ave and Monroe Street. Steven L. McKinnis was traveling westbound on Rowan Ave when he ran the stop sign at Monroe Street. McKinnis struck a Ford Explorer that was traveling southbound in the driver's side door. The driver of the Ford Explorer was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries.

After the crash McKinnis exited his vehicle and fled the scene on foot. Spokane Police Department (SPD) K-9 arrived at the scene and began tracking McKinnis. During the K-9 track, 9-1-1 received a call from the residents at 4827 N Post Street advising someone had broken into their house. The SPD K-9 track followed McKinnis to the Post Street address where he was taken into custody. McKinnis was booked into the Spokane County Jail for felony hit and run, felony eluding and DUI.

WSP detectives were called to the scene and have taken over the investigation. While the investigation is ongoing, McKinnis is expected to face additional charges including possession of controlled substance and felon in possession of firearm.

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