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WSP Trooper struck during pursuit fleeing driver now in custody

Burlington, Wash. – A 36-year-old Bow woman was taken into custody after fleeing from a traffic stop and striking a Washington State Patrol (WSP) trooper on Monday.

The trooper attempted to stop a maroon BMW 5 Series sedan with no license plates on State Route 20 just before 2:54 p.m. The driver of the BMW fled, resulting in a pursuit through the rural roadways west of Burlington.

The vehicle eventually came to a momentary stop at the 17700 block of Maiben Road. The trooper stopped just ahead of the vehicle and partially blocked the roadway. The driver of the BMW attempted to reverse, but was unable due to traffic, and instead drove forward – striking the trooper’s open vehicle door. The trooper’s leg became pinned between their patrol vehicle and the driver side door.

The injured trooper terminated the pursuit as the driver of the BMW fled the area.

WSP investigators, with the assistance of the Burlington Police Department, were able to identify the female driver and male passenger.

WSP troopers and detectives contacted the driver on Dec. 17 at her residence where she was taken into custody without incident. She was later booked into the Skagit County Jail for charges of Assault in the Second Degree, Malicious Mischief in the First Degree, Injury Hit and Run, and Eluding of a Police Vehicle.

Traffic crime is taken seriously, and the WSP is actively taking actions to hold those who commit it accountable.

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