



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## PRESS RELEASE

Case #14-231544

### Woman Arrested after Crashing Truck Twice

December 21, 2014—Sheriff's Deputies responded to a crash where a vehicle left the scene and shortly afterward crashed again. The driver was arrested and charged with several crimes.

On December 20, 2014, at 3:33 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies, serving the City of Cornelius, were responding to 148 North 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue the city of Cornelius concerning a vehicle crash where the driver reportedly fled the area.



As Sheriff's Deputies were searching for the vehicle that fled, they discovered a 1998 Dodge Ram pickup at 1100 North Davis Street wedged between a Kia Sedona minivan and the right curb. Sheriff's Deputies determined that the Dodge was attempting to stop but was not successful and hit the left side of the Kia and the right curb prior to stopping. It was confirmed the Dodge pickup was the vehicle that fled the first crash three minutes earlier. The driver of the Dodge was identified as Kathleen Ann Baughman, 54, from Cornelius.

Sheriff's Deputies were told that a few minutes prior, Ms. Baughman's Dodge pickup had been seen crashing into two curbs, a tree, a pole and then into a fence on North 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The witness told deputies that after crashing, Ms. Baughman casually drove away. Both vehicles sustained significant damage and fortunately no one was injured.

Kathleen Baughman was arrested and lodged in the Washington County Jail. She was charged with Hit and Run, DUII (drugs) and Reckless Driving.

Investigators determined that the overuse of prescription drugs was likely a contributing factor in this crash.



*Kathleen Ann Baughmann*