Domestic violence call ends with 1 arrest, 1 hospitalized

A short pursuit early Thursday morning ended with the arrest of a Portola man on domestic violence charges.

Officers were called to the 12000 block of Greenwood Drive in Truckee about 3am Sept. 24 because of a dispute between a man and woman in the middle of the road.



A chase early Sept. 24 in Truckee ended when the truck hit a tree. Photo/Provided

Officers said David Johnson, 52, drove away from them with a woman hanging onto to the rear of the vehicle. Officers relocated the vehicle on Highway 89 headed north, with the female inside the vehicle. Johnson lost control of the truck on Alder Creek Road at Carpenter Valley Road, where he hit a tree, officers said.

The woman climbed out and ran a short distance before being apprehended.

The duo displayed the symptoms of being under the influence of an illegal stimulant drug, officers said, adding that drug paraphernalia was located in the vehicle. Johnson was arrested on charges of felony evading, felony DUI causing injury, felony assault with a deadly weapon and misdemeanor domestic violence. The woman, who is not being identified because she has not been arrested, sustained injuries in the collision and was transported to Renown Medical Center in Reno with non-life threatening injuries.

Officers said she will likely be charged with felony domestic violence and being under the influence of a controlled substance when she is released. She is believed to be from Sacramento.

The exact circumstances of the domestic violence are still under investigation.

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