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# NEWS RELEASE

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### **DUII DRIVER CRASHES INTO LOCAL CHURCH**

Beaverton, OR – 20-year-old Walberto Villatoro-Morales of Beaverton was arrested early Wednesday morning after he eluded an officer who was trying to initiate a traffic stop on a Chrysler 300 sedan.

A Beaverton Police Officer first noticed the Chrysler driven by Villatoro-Morales around 4:20 AM after he began “tailgating” the officer while driving on SW Cedar Hills Blvd. The officer watched as Villatoro-Morales committed numerous traffic violations while driving the Chrysler.

As the officer tried to move his vehicle into position to initiate a traffic stop, Villatoro-Morales began driving eastbound on SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street at a high rate of speed. In an apparent attempt to elude the officer, Villatoro-Morales ran multiple red stop lights on SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Moments later, officers received a report of a loud crash near the intersection of SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street and SW Filbert Ave. There, officers located the Chrysler and Villatoro-Morales. Villatoro-Morales had crashed the Chrysler into the Church of Christ at 11775 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

No one was seriously injured in the crash. However, the Church of Christ sustained significant structural damage as a result of the high-speed impact of the Chrysler.

Officers arrested Villatoro-Morales for Felony Attempt to Elude, DUII, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering, and Criminal Mischief in the First Degree.

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