

MEDIA RELEASE



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***** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE *****

Date: Monday, March 7, 2022

Time: 11:25 AM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE ON-DUTY PIO OR:

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Non-Investigative Informational Announcement

Case Number: 22-09428

Type of Incident: DUI

Date / Time of Incident: 03-07-2022 / 0918

Location of Incident: 101 N Ely Street

Do not release suspect name if they are a juvenile.

Suspect (Age) / City Residence: **Suspect in Custody**

Charges:

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Summary of Incident / Details:

On March 7th, at or around 0918 hours units were dispatched to assist Kennewick Firefighters and Benton County, WA Sheriff's Office.

BCSO Cpl. Benitez was driving in the area of Highway 395 and W Clearwater Avenue when his attention was drawn to a SUV which showed to be on fire and had collided with a parked vehicle while in the parking lot of a local business. Upon arrival Cpl. Benitez noticed there was an unconscious male in the drivers seat of the SUV and did not hesitate in removing the male from the vehicle. Cpl. Benitez dragged the male to safety and began rendering life saving measures as the driver had allegedly overdosed until EMS personnel arrived. Once Kennewick units arrived they took over the investigation. The male driver of the SUV was medically cleared on scene and was placed in custody for suspicion of DUI and two counts of Reckless Endangerment (the parked vehicle was occupied and also sustained damage from both the collision and fire).The male was transported to a local hospital for a legal blood draw and medical clearance prior to being booked into Benton County Jail.



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If anyone has information about this incident, please call the non-emergency number at 509-628-0333 and reference the above case number. Anonymous tips can also be provided online at www.kpdtips.com.

Posted to Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and/or YouTube)

Photos, Audio, and/or Video Attached

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