



Submitted After a chase that was called off because of high speeds, a driver who attempted to elude police for a traffic stop crashed into bollards outside Dan's Pawn Shop.

Driver plows into Courtlyn home

Drunk driving suspected

A man charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants crashed through the fence and into the home of a Keizer family Saturday, March 28.

At approximately 6:40 p.m., Keizer police officers were dispatched to the 5100 block of Courtlyn Street Northeast to several reports that a motor vehicle had crashed into a residence.

Subsequent investigation indicated a GMC pickup, which was being operated by James Harold Johnson, 81, of Salem, had been traveling west on Chemawa Road Northeast when it left the roadway and collided with a utility pole. That initial impact sheared the pole off at the ground. Following that impact, the GMC crossed the oncoming lane, left the roadway, drove through a fence, through the corner of a house and through a second fence before colliding with a parked car where it finally stopped. No one was injured in the incident.



J. Johnson



Submitted After shearing off a utility pole, the pick-up drove through the corner of a home and two fences before coming to a stop.

Slew of drug charges follows River Road chase

A Salem man was arrested on a slew of drug-related and other charges after attempting to elude a Keizer police officer on River Road North and then crashing into bollards outside Dan's Pawn Shop.



E. Phillips

On March 25, shortly before 9 a.m., a sergeant with the traffic safety unit attempted to stop a white, 2005 Mercedes for speeding near the intersection of River Road North and Dearborn Avenue Northeast.

The driver rapidly accelerated south on River Road, attempting to elude the motorcycle officer. The officer ended the pursuit as the fleeing vehicle reached 70 miles per hour.

Seconds later, callers alerted 9-1-1 that the Mercedes had crashed into the pawn shop at 3380 River Road North. At least two people were near the building at the

time of the crash, but neither was injured.

The driver fled the scene on foot and Salem Police Department K9 officer found him hiding in bushes in the 700 block of Plymouth Drive Northeast. He surrendered to the officers and was arrested without incident.

A 24-year-old female passenger in the car was hurt, but required no treatment.

The driver was identified as Eric Joseph Phillips, 25.

He was taken to the Marion County Jail and charged with reckless endangering (three counts), reckless driving, felony hit-and-run, felony attempt to elude, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, possession of heroin with intent to distribute, possession of oxycodone with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine, attempt to elude on foot, first-degree criminal mischief and being a felon in possession of body armor.

Bail was set at \$180,000.

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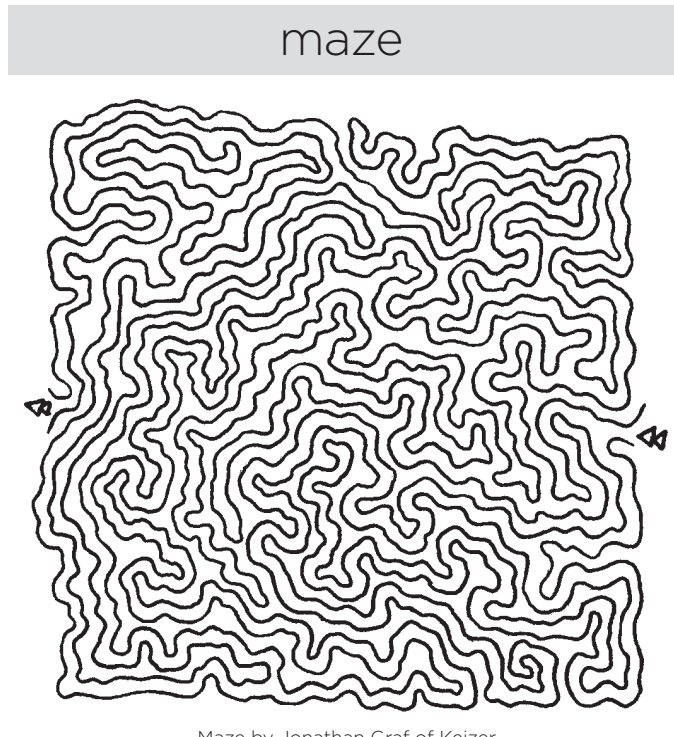
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