UPDATE:
CASE NUMBER 15-03704

Joseph Lee Umphrey, age 32, of Eugene has been arrested after a crash this morning at 18th and Lawrence St. and is being charged with Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, Elude by Vehicle, Elude by Foot, Driving While Suspended Felony, Hit and Run Felony, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering, Assault in the Second Degree, Possession of Methamphetamine. Other charges may be pending.

This morning, a 63-year-old Eugene woman reported her 2006 Toyota Prius had been stolen around 11:21 when she backed it out of her garage and then got out of the vehicle to close the garage door. A man unknown to her jumped into her unoccupied car and drove away. A police officer spotted the Prius at 16th and Lawrence and attempted to stop it. However, the driver didn't stop and instead went through a yard at 17th and Lawrence and crashed into two vehicles at 18th and Lawrence. One of the vehicles involved in the crash was a 1980s Nissan Sentra occupied by a 19-year-old female, from Elmira. The female was entrapped and after being extricated by Eugene Springfield Fire, she was taken to a local hospital for treatment of injuries that don't appear to be life-threatening at this time. The other vehicle was a Northwest Natural Gas truck occupied by a male driver (age not yet available).

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**TRAFFIC ADVISORY**

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Please avoid 18th Avenue and Lawrence Street – Emergency Vehicles Responding to Crash

Travelers are asked to avoid 18th Avenue and Lawrence. One lane of traffic is currently closed due to a crash that involved a stolen vehicle. EPD and Fire are responding to the incident, which happened around 11:40 a.m.

The area will be closed for an undetermined amount of time, several hours at the least.

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