CASE NUMBER: 18-6707

DATE/ TIME OF INCIDENT: 9/30/2018 7:24 pm

DATE/ TIME OF RELEASE: 10/1/2018 10:15 am

NATURE OF STORY: Multiagency Effort Leads to Arrest of Attempted Murder Suspect

LOCATION: Walton, Oregon

ARRESTED: DAVID DARIO LUCIUS, 56 y/o, Florence
Attempted Murder
Assault in the First Degree
Strangulation

DETAILS:

On 9/30/2018 at 7:24 pm, the Lane County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a stabbing near the Walton Post Office in Walton, Oregon. The victim, a 42 year old female of Florence, was transported to receive medical attention for multiple stab wounds. The suspect, identified as 56 year old David Lucius of Florence, fled the area in a white PT Cruiser headed eastbound on Hwy 126 West.

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office alerted law enforcement agencies south of Eugene and into California. A short time later, a Jackson County Sheriff’s Office deputy spotted a PT Cruiser on Interstate 5 approximately 40 miles north of the Oregon – California border that matched the description of the vehicle in the stabbing incident.

Lucius was taken into custody by the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, assisted by the Oregon State Police and the Central Point Police Department, after spike strips were used to disable his vehicle on Interstate 5 just south of where he was first spotted.

Lucius was transported back to Eugene late last night and lodged at the Lane County Jail on Attempted Murder, Assault in the First Degree, and Strangulation. Initial investigation indicates that the victim and suspect knew each other, but the details of what led to the stabbing are still being determined.
The Lane County Sheriff’s Office would like to thank all of the agencies that assisted, including the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, the Oregon State Police, the Central Point Police Department, the Florence Police Department, and all of the agencies that kept a watchful eye for the suspect and his vehicle prior to his capture. It is because of partnerships like these that the suspect was located and taken into custody so quickly.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about the above incident is asked to contact Detective Silano at 541-682-4312.