New information about the suspect vehicle involved in an early morning shooting on 6/18/2018 in Eugene has emerged. The vehicle, and the suspect that almost hit an Oregon State Trooper on 6/18/2018, are still at large. The Sheriff’s Office is asking for the community’s help identifying the location of the involved driver and vehicle.

The vehicle is a dark colored sport coupe, possibly a 1990-1997 Mazda Miata. The vehicle is likely missing the rear fascia / bumper and may be a soft top convertible. The vehicle also has an exhaust system that is likely aftermarket and is louder than a stock exhaust system.

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office is asking anyone who knows the location of the driver or vehicle involved in the above incident, or who has video surveillance of the involved area to include nearby roads, to call 541-682-4141.
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On 6/18/2018 shortly before 1:00 am, an Oregon State Police Trooper attempted a vehicle stop on Marshall Avenue in Eugene. The vehicle was travelling at a high rate of speed, and failed to stop when the Trooper activated his emergency lights. The suspect vehicle turned down a residential road and quickly did a U-turn and drove straight at the Trooper. The Trooper discharged his firearm in the direction of the vehicle. The suspect narrowly missed hitting the Trooper with the vehicle before fleeing the area. The identity of the involved Trooper is not being released at this point, and the Trooper was not injured during the incident.

The vehicle is described as a dark, two door sport coupe, and may have damage to the vehicle from this morning’s incident. The Lane County Sheriff’s Office is asking anyone who knows the location of the driver or vehicle involved in the above incident, or who has video surveillance of the involved area to include nearby roads, to call 541-682-4141.

In instances where a law enforcement officer in Lane County uses deadly force, such as discharging their firearm, an Interagency Deadly Force Investigations Team (IDFIT) is assigned to investigate the use of force and provide that investigation to the Lane County District Attorney’s Office for review. The Lane County Sheriff’s Office is leading the investigation into the use of deadly force for this incident.

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