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Deputies remove two violent suspects from the streets with weekend arrests

The Weld County Sheriff's Office removed two violent suspects from the streets when over the weekend deputies arrested one man wanted on suspicion of attempted first-degree murder and a second accused of ramming a police cruiser during an in-progress vehicle theft.

The first investigation began on March 9 when deputies responded to the Hill N Park neighborhood on a report of a stolen vehicle in progress. A stolen Dodge pickup was being tracked by the owner through a GPS unit in the vehicle. Greeley police officers also responded to the call and were in contact with the owner as the pickup had been stolen from a Greeley business.

Patrol deputies launched a search for the stolen vehicle, locating it nearby still in the Hill N Park neighborhood. Several deputies attempted to contact the driver, later identified as 29-year-old Weld County resident Cody Kenneth Phillip Hamilton, but Hamilton twice intentionally backed into a sheriff's office police cruiser driven by deputy Kayla McKinney. The damage to McKinney's cruiser was so severe it was disabled.

Additional deputies briefly pursued Hamilton but discontinued the chase when school buses entered the neighborhood. The pickup was again located a short while later. Also heavily damaged from running into McKinney's cruiser, it had broken down in the area of Glacier and Grand Canyon drives in Hill N Park.

Deputies and residents saw Hamilton run from yard-to-yard on Glacier Drive and set up a perimeter to contain the suspect. A K9 unit responded to track Hamilton, but he wasn't located.

Later that day, deputies received a report from a Hill N Park resident who said Hamilton entered their home and held them at gunpoint for more than two hours. The resident was not injured.

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Sheriff's Office detectives obtained an arrest warrant and began tracking Hamilton digitally. The Weld County Sheriff's Office Strike Team assisted with tracking Hamilton and developed leads on his location. On Saturday, Hamilton was contacted by Platteville police and arrested on the warrants.

Hamilton was booked into the Weld County Jail where is he being held on \$100,000 bond on suspicion of attempted first-degree assault of a peace officer, false imprisonment, vehicular eluding and menacing. He also is being held on \$25,000 bond on suspicion of aggravated motor vehicle theft out of Greeley, as well as a no bond hold for failing to appear in court in a third case.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call Det. Sierra Vessels at (970) 400-2836.

The second investigation began last Wednesday, March 11, when Weld deputies and Greeley police officers responded to a report of a stabbing near O Street and North 25th Avenue. When law enforcement arrived at the scene, they found a man who had sustained serious wounds. He was rushed by ambulance to North Colorado Medical Center for treatment.

Sheriff's office deputies and detectives developed leads on a suspect in the case and obtained an arrest warrant for Deandres Gordon, 21, of Greeley. The Weld County Strike Team developed additional leads, which led to Gordon's arrest on Saturday at the Greeley Mall.

Gordon was taken to the Weld County Sheriff's Office where he confessed to the stabbing to detectives. He was booked into the Weld County Jail on suspicion of attempted first-degree murder. He is being held on \$300,000 bond.

"Despite the public health crisis that our nation and Weld County is facing, Weld County Sheriff's Office deputies and investigators continue to diligently work to protect our community from the ever-constant threat of violent crime," said Investigations Sgt. Aaron Walker. "These two cases involved suspects that were indifferent to human life, placing other residents and sheriff's office deputies in grave danger.

"Fortunately, Weld County Sheriff's Office deputies and detectives were able to quickly track down the suspects and remove them from the streets."

Anyone with information about the stabbing is asked to contact Det. Byron Kastilahn at (970) 400-2836.

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Anyone with information regarding these or any other crimes can also call the Weld County Sheriff's Office at (970) 356-4015 or Northern Colorado Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**. **Tips can also be submitted through the Crime Stoppers website at www.crimeshurt.com. Those submitting tips through Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and filing of charges on a suspect(s) may be eligible for a cash reward.**

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