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PRESS RELEASE

On 05/14/11 at approximately 8:13 PM, a Nampa Police Officer attempted to stop a 2002 Maroon Dodge Stratus that had been driving in a reckless manner. The officer witnessed the Stratus run a stop sign while it was northbound on S. Maple St. at E. Colorado. The Stratus was traveling at a high rate of speed and this is a 20 MPH speed zone. The Stratus almost struck the Nampa Police vehicle at that intersection as the officer was westbound on E. Colorado.

The officer attempted to stop the Stratus and it pulled over and slowed, and then sped off. A short pursuit ensued and it lasted for approximately six blocks, weaving through the area between E. Amity and E. Florida and between 12th Ave. Rd. and S. Locust. The officer discontinued the pursuit because the driver was operating the vehicle in a very reckless manner and at high speeds. The officer lost sight of the Stratus as it went east on E. Florida. Several citizens in the area pointed the direction of travel of the Stratus out to the officer. The officer found the Stratus had attempted to turn north on S. Locust too fast and lost control, struck a curb and became high-centered on another curb, causing damage to the underside and right front wheel area of the vehicle. The officer observed a male subject fleeing northbound on S. Locust, from the vehicle. A female passenger remained with the suspect vehicle.

The officer became involved in a foot pursuit with the suspect driver. The suspect ran through yards and jumped over fences until he was caught in the 1000 block of S. Maple St. by the pursuing officer. The suspect driver was identified as Jacob L. Larrea, 11/28/88. He was arrested and charged with Felony Eluding, Driving Under the Influence, Obstruct and Delay and Driving While Suspended. He was transported to Canyon County Jail where he was booked in on those charges.

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