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Today, the Caldwell Police Department conducted a joint operation with the assistance of the Ada County Sheriff's Office - ACTION Team, Meridian Police Department - IMPACT Team and the Idaho Department of Corrections - Probation and Parole. The operation was part of an on-going investigation involving a dangerous and wanted fugitive, 22 year-old Adam Ramirez, who was known to be residing in Caldwell. Ramirez has a lengthy criminal history of violence and evading police.

During the operation, Ramirez attempted to flee from police, with the aid of 20 year-old Ricardo Palominos driving as his getaway driver. As a CPD officer attempted to block the suspects from escaping, Palominos' intentionally rammed the front of the police vehicle, causing minimal damage. The officers were able to exit the vehicle and move to cover without being injured or using force.

The suspect vehicle then reversed and attempted to drive away; however, another CPD officer used his police vehicle to try block the suspects from escaping. At that point, the suspects again, used their vehicle as a weapon and intentionally rammed into the second CPD vehicle on the driver side in a "t-bone" manner, prior to our officers being able to exit and seek cover.

Both suspects attempted to exit the vehicle and flee on foot but upon seeing a K-9 from the Ada County Sheriff's Office, they quickly surrendered without force or injury.

Ramirez was arrested for his fugitive warrant and also charged with: no contact order violation; possession of controlled substance; and paraphernalia with intent to use. Palominos was charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer.

"I am so proud of the teamwork, collaboration, and seamless execution of this dangerous police operation today. Ramirez has been on the run for a long time and today, he has been brought to justice. These two predators tried to use their vehicle as a weapon and injure our police officers. Our officers are commended for their restraint and reverence for human life. Although they could have used deadly force in this incident, they worked together as a unified team to safely de-escalate and take the suspects into custody. This is yet another reminder that if you want to run, we will find you, catch you, and introduce you to your jail cell," said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.