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Tonight, just after 6 p.m., members of Operation Safe Streets arrested a suspect who was wanted for weapons and narcotics violations after a vehicle pursuit.

Officers initially made contact with the suspect, 32-year-old Fernando Juarez, at a parking lot in the 2800 block of Franklin Road when he fled in his vehicle after being informed he was under arrest. During the vehicle pursuit, officers attempted to safely stop Juarez's evasive driving by deploying "stop sticks" which successfully punctured the tires. Despite this, Juarez continued to drive on his rims, reaching speeds of around 50 miles per hour, and continued to endanger the community.

He traveled on Indiana, Ustick, Montana, and Karcher roads while evading the police. Ultimately a successful PIT maneuver on S. Indiana Ave, south of Karcher Road, forced the suspect's vehicle into a cement irrigation ditch, where he was arrested after a brief standoff. A firearm was recovered from his waistband and drugs were also seized.

There were no collisions or injuries during the pursuit and this incident remains under investigation.

"This violent criminal endangered the lives of Idahoans tonight and I am proud of our brave officers who risked their lives to safely pursue and capture this coward, ending his ability to plague our community," said Chief Rex Ingram, Caldwell Police Department.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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