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On October 16, 2024 at 9:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to a store in the 500 block of East Ustick Road, for a report of an intoxicated male.

The male, later identified as 18-year-old Landon Salazar, exited his vehicle, urinated in public and briefly entered the store before getting back into his vehicle.

Instead of reversing, Salazar put the truck into drive and nearly collided into the building. Once the truck was put into reverse, the reporting party stated that Salazar backed up and struck their vehicle. By this time, officers were on scene and witnessed him recklessly exiting the parking lot.

Officers attempted to stop the vehicle as he fled eastbound on Ustick Road at a high rate of speed. Officers pursued Salazar through city streets while he continued to endanger the public by his reckless evasive driving.

The pursuit terminated when Salazar's vehicle became disabled after a collision involving another motorist at the intersection of Ustick Road and South Indiana Avenue. Salazar then exited his vehicle and attempted to run through an adjacent field but was swiftly apprehended by officers without incident.

Salazar has at least one prior DUI charge. He was arrested and charged with driving under the influence excessive and felony eluding.

There were no injuries involved during Salazar's multiple collisions and this incident remains under investigation.

"I am proud of the swift response of our brave officers who put their lives in danger to safely take this drunk into custody before he continued his path of destruction in our community," said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.

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