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## CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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Tonight, at 8 p.m., Caldwell Police officers assigned to Operation Safe Streets successfully apprehended an Idaho Department of Corrections parolee following a pursuit, which at one point was up to 50 mph, through the city streets for approximately one minute.

The suspect, identified as 29-year-old parolee, Wyatt Tripp, was driving a white Chevy Camaro with illegal window tint and is currently on active felony parole for eluding law enforcement and grand theft.

Officers attempted to stop Tripp in the area of Illinois Avenue and Beech Street, when he accelerated at a high rate of speed while turning off his vehicle's lights, and driving recklessly through city streets. The pursuit lasted approximately one minute and ended when an innocent driver collided into Tripp due to his vehicle driving with no lights.

After Tripp's collision, he exited the Camaro and fled on foot into a nearby yard, where he was quickly apprehended by Caldwell Police officers near Spruce Street and Illinois Avenue.

The driver involved in the collision with Tripp suffered a minor injury but was not taken to the hospital after declining further medical treatment.

"This is yet another case of a failed early release by the Pardons and Parole Commission. An innocent person was injured and is lucky to be alive after this predator placed every community member in his path at risk tonight. I am proud of our brave officers assigned to OSS who show up to work and place themselves in harm's way to keep Caldwell safe," said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.

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