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PRESS RELEASE

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FROM: Bill Elliott, Chief of Police
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Subject: Drug Arrest.

On 5/8/21, the Warm Springs Tribal Police Department (WSTPD) dispatch office received a call about a suspected drunk driver on Hwy 26 near the residential portion of the Warm Springs Reservation. WSTPD police officers responded to the area and found a vehicle fitting the description of the suspected drunk driver.

Contact was made with the driver of the vehicle, a Vanessa Jones from Vancouver, WA, and during the course of this contact Ms. Jones was found to be in possession of what is suspected of being around 8 ounces of methamphetamine. Ms. Jones was taken into custody at this time, and booked into the Jefferson County Jail on State drug charges.

As this incident occurred on the Warm Springs Reservation, not only is Ms. Jones subject to prosecution in State court, but this matter will also be referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office for consideration of possible federal charges.

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