Fleeing Felon Sends Two to Hospital

Pierce Co. – A driver failed to yield at a red light, sending two to the hospital while he fled the scene on foot.

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is seeking your help with locating Kyle Phillip Ernst. WSP detectives believe on Monday, September 3, 2018 at approximately 6:13 p.m., Ernst was driving northbound on SR161 approaching the 194th St E intersection. Ernst proceeded through the intersection on a red light striking a vehicle in the process. Those two occupants were sent to the hospital, one with serious injuries.

Witnesses told troopers that Ernst then fled the scene on foot, telling them that he had a warrant for his arrest and continued running across SR161 into a mobile home park. Troopers and other officers were unable to locate Ernst when they arrived on scene.

Ernst is believed to be in the Graham or South Hill area and driving a white 2000 Ford Econovan with a white ladder rack. The bottom of the van has been sprayed black with Rhino Liner, similar to the stock photo below.

If you have any information regarding this collision or the whereabouts of Ernst, please call the Washington State Patrol.