

# Media Release



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## *YCSO Seeking Hit and Run Suspect*

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On August 28, 2017, around 4:30 PM, YCSO deputies investigated a traffic collision at Dana Street and Prescott Street in Dewey. The vehicles involved were a 2005 Kia Sorento, a Humboldt Unified School Bus, and a 1994 Ford Explorer.

Deputies learned that the school bus was travelling west on Prescott Street when it was struck by the Kia which ran a stop sign. The Kia initially collided with the front door of the bus and then spun and impacted the rear of the bus. After these collisions, the Kia struck a parked vehicle – the Ford Explorer – which was pushed into a chain link fence. The driver of the Kia, later identified as 38-year-old Gerald Dempsey from Dewey, ran from the scene. A witness gave chase, but was unable to locate Dempsey.



Above – Suspect Gerald Dempsey  
Above Right – Kia at point of rest  
Right – Damage to side of school bus



The bus driver and an adult riding in the bus expressed complaints of pain. It is unknown if Dempsey sustained any injuries.

**Currently, Dempsey has a \$25,000 Aggravated Assault/Probation violation warrant. He is also wanted for Hit and Run, Causing Injury. He is described as a male white, 6' 01" tall, 190 pounds with brown hair and eyes.**

If anyone has information regarding his whereabouts, please call the Sheriff's Office at 928-771-3260 or Yavapai Silent Witness at 1800-932-3232. A tip given directly to Silent Witness resulting in the arrest of Dempsey becomes eligible for a cash reward. Refer to YCSO case number 17-030849.

*Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260*

*or the YCSO website: [www.ycsoaz.gov](http://www.ycsoaz.gov)*