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Man charged in high-speed police chase can go to Super Bowl

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Shaun Goodman

OLYMPIA, Wash. -- An Olympia man accused of drunkenly driving a Ferrari in a downtown police chase that reached speeds of 100 mph is being allowed to leave Washington to attend Sunday's Super Bowl in New Jersey.

Shaun Goodman has pleaded not guilty to a charge of felony eluding and misdemeanor charges of DUI and hit and run in the Dec. 29 chase.

Charging papers say Goodman befriended a bar patron at the Westside Tavern and offered him a ride home. The patron said the ride was more than he bargained for as Goodman allegedly sped away from police at speeds up to 100 miles per hour after they tried stopping him for speeding.

"I jumped out of the car and now I'm calling you guys because I'm scared he might be looking for me," Henry Griffen told the 911 dispatcher. "He smoked them man. I mean he went so fast."

Griffen said he told Goodman he had a son and begged him to stop. He later jumped out when the Ferrari slowed down at an intersection.

Police say the chase ended after Goodman crashed into several cars and a home before being cornered in a church parking lot. Homeowner Robin Rettew said it sounded like someone was racing up her driveway when she heard a series of crashes.

In a court petition, defense lawyer Paul Strophy said his client had "what may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see his hometown team play in the Super Bowl." The Olympian reports that Superior Court Judge James Dixon signed an order Thursday allowing Goodman to fly out Friday and return Monday.

Under terms of his release on bail, Goodman is already required to wear an electronic monitoring device that measures whether a person has consumed alcohol. He'll have to wear that to the Super Bowl too.

Strophy says his client will be taking cabs during his Super Bowl trip.