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Highland officer crashes vehicle during pursuit

(KNZA)--A Highland police officer escaped serious injury Monday evening after crashing his patrol vehicle during a pursuit.

The Kansas Highway Patrol says 59-year-old Officer Tom Williams, of Hiawatha, was pursing a white Pontiac Grand Prix on Ash Point Road, south of Leona, when he lost visual contract on the car due to a dust cloud.

Williams Dodge Durango slid off the road and crashed into a pole.

The suspect vehicle was then pursued by another law enforcement officer. There was no immediate word if the suspect vehicle was eventually stopped or what led to the pursuit.

Williams was transported to the Horton Community Hospital for treatment of what the Patrol describes as possible injuries.

The wreck was reported shortly after 7:30 Monday evening.

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