

Pursuit leaves Hiawatha man jailed

(KAIR)--A Jackson County pursuit Monday night ends with the arrest of a Hiawatha man.

According to a news release issued by Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, the case began with the report of a suspicious vehicle on P Road, near 246th Road, shortly before 9:00.

A Deputy located the vehicle, parked with the flashers on, near 262nd Road and U.S. Highway 75.

When the Deputy stopped behind the vehicle, it's alleged the driver began to drive away. However, the Deputy conducted a traffic stop for an alleged violation, but the driver refused to provide any information, and would not follow any commands. Instead, it's alleged he drove away, flipping a U-turn and then driving southbound towards Holton.

A pursuit of around 60 mph was launched, with the suspect vehicle alleged to have nearly hit a number of vehicles head-on as he fled from authorities.

With a Kansas Highway Patrol aircraft assisting, the suspect vehicle was stopped just inside Holton, with deputies using their vehicles to keep the suspect from fleeing again.

According to the release, the driver, identified as 32-year-old Cory Steltenpohl, backed into a Deputy's patrol vehicle prior to his arrest.

Steltenpohl now faces multiple charges including flee and attempt to elude, possession of a stimulant, possession of drug paraphernalia, aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer, and numerous traffic infractions.

Following his arrest, Steltenpohl was booked into the Jackson County Jail.

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