

Falls City man facing additional felony charges

(KLZA)-- A Falls City man is now facing additional felony charges following his arrest on Sunday.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed in Richardson County Court, 43-year-old Travis Kirkendall was arrested Sunday evening after he had fled from an officer attempting to make a traffic stop that morning.

The affidavit alleges that about 9:30 Sunday morning, an officer observed Kirkendall operating a white cargo van at 13th and Stone Street in Falls City. The officer had knowledge that Kirkendall's driving privileges have been suspended and attempted to pull him over.

Kirkendall accelerated and continued to drive at a high rate of speed. He is alleged to have been driving an estimated 40 to 50 miles an hour over the posted speed limit through residential areas and not stopping for stop signs. Kirkendall drove the van over a curb and through Dallas Jones Park at a high rate of speed causing damage to city property.

With Kirkendall driving in a reckless manner endangering himself and others, the pursuit was terminated.

A short time later, the van Kirkendall had been operating was found abandoned on Highway 8 near 649 Avenue west of Falls City. Further investigation revealed the 2004 Ford van had been stolen in Bellevue, Nebraska late August 12th.

Police learned later that Kirkendall was at a location in the 2100 block of Harlan Street in Falls City, where he taken into custody..

Kirkendall has been charged with felony counts of theft by receiving stolen property and operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest. He is also charged with misdemeanors counts of criminal mischief, willful reckless driving and driving under suspension.

Kirkendall is being held in the Richardson County Jail.

At the time of his arrest on Sunday, he was out on bond. He had been arrested July 30th on felony charges of burglary and resisting arrest in connection with a break-in at Harmon's O.K. Tire Warehouse and the Grand Weaver Hotel.

Kirkendall is scheduled to be arraigned in that case on August 20.

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