

Man taken into custody after pursuit

(KNZA)--An Overbrook man was arrested Thursday evening in Jackson County after allegedly leading authorities on a pursuit and crashing into a police vehicle.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse says the Sheriff's office was notified shortly before 8:00 about a reckless driver on Highway 75 near the Shawnee County line.

A deputy spotted the vehicle--a silver 2004 Ford Mustang--on Highway 75 near 134th Road. When the deputy tried to pull over the vehicle, the driver fled north to 150th Road, then east and south to 142nd Road, before turning back toward Highway 75.

Despite running over stop sticks along the way that flattened three tires, Morse says the car made its way back to Highway 75, where it went north and then turned west on 150th. Deputies, KHP Troopers and Pottawatommi Tribal Police brought the vehicle to a stop west of Q. Road on 150th.

Morse says when authorities tried to remove the driver, identified as 38-year-old Kristin Michael Downs, from the vehicle, he accelerated and crashed his Mustang into a Tribal Police car, nearly striking several law enforcement officers.

Officers received only minor injuries.

▣ (Credit: Jackson Co Sheriff's Office)

Downs was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital to be evaluated.

He was then booked into the Jackson County Jail on numerous charges—including 4 counts of aggravated assault, five counts of aggravated battery, felony flee and elude, DUI, transporting an open container, criminal damage to property, reckless driving and multiple other traffic infractions.

Bond is pending.