

Hiawatha man arrested on multiple drug, weapons charges

(KLZA)--A Hiawatha man was arrested Wednesday afternoon in Richardson County following an undercover drug investigation and pursuit.

According to a press release from the Richardson County Sheriff's Department, shortly before 2:00 the Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Falls City Police Department, conducted a controlled buy of methamphetamine and firearms in Falls City.

As deputies attempted to apprehend the suspect, he fled in a 2006 Cadillac. The pursuit ended south of Highways 8 and 105, when the suspect wrecked his vehicle.

The suspect then fled ¼ mile on foot through a cornfield and was apprehended.

The suspect, identified as 31-year-old Cody Rhyne, was booked into the Richardson County Jail on multiple drug and weapons charges, along with a felony count of operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest.

During an inventory of his vehicle, the Sheriff's Office says a 9mm hand gun was located, a large amount of methamphetamine (about 11 oz) along with other controlled substances and paraphernalia with an estimated street value of \$25,000. Also seized was \$2300 in cash.

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