Farm truck burglary leads to arrest

(KAIR)--A Mayetta woman is facing charges following her arrest, after what Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse calls a "lengthy search" in connection with the alleged burglary of a farm truck.

Facing charges for burglary, theft, and methamphetamine possession is 35-year-old Saleena Rae Masquat.

The crime allegedly occurred Sunday afternoon near 11655 110th Road, west of Hoyt.

According to a release from Morse, the owner of the farm truck attempted to stop Masquat's car from fleeing the field by shutting the farm's gate and blocking her car with a truck.

Instead, the suspect vehicle, searching for an exit, ran into a fence post, causing the airbags to deploy, but then backed up and drove through the farm gate, with the car continuing east on 110th Road.

With the farm truck's owner continuing to follow, the suspect vehicle turned north on Q. Road and began to have mechanical issues. Stopping at a driveway between 126th and 118th Road on Q. Road, Morse said Masquat fled on foot, leading to a search by Deputies, who used the Sheriff's Office K-9 and a camera-equipped drone to search for her whereabouts in a wooded area. The Kansas Highway Patrol also assisted the search with the agency's aircraft.

Morse said deputies located Masquat hiding in a brush pile and she was arrested and booked into the Jackson County Jail.

The investigation revealed that the car Masquat was driving had been stolen from Shawnee County.

Additional Jackson County charges are possible.

Masquat, at the time of her arrest, had an outstanding warrant from the Kansas Department of Corrections for a parole violation. She was also wanted by the Brown County Sheriff's Office for criminal deprivation of property, and by the Topeka Police Department for obstruction.