

Illinois man facing drug and firearms charges in Pawnee County

(KLZA) -- Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol have arrested an Illinois man following a foot pursuit in Pawnee County.

The incident occurred Monday at approximately 10:35 a.m. when a trooper attempted a traffic stop on a Dodge Magnum for speeding on Highway 8, near Pawnee City. As the trooper attempted the traffic stop, the driver refused to stop, entered a rural driveway, a jumped from the vehicle as it was still moving. The driver then fled on foot and the trooper pursued.

After a short foot pursuit around a farm property the trooper was able to the take the driver into custody. A search of the vehicle revealed four firearms, including a short barrel rifle, more than 200 rounds of ammunition, 32 grams of cocaine, 144 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, and 214 grams of marijuana.

The driver, Jesse Starry, 40, of Chillicothe, Illinois, was arrested for possession of controlled substances, possession with intent to deliver, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, possession of a short barrel rifle, carrying a concealed firearm, and other charges. Starry was lodged in Johnson County Jail.

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