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Police Pursuit

At 11:17 p.m. on October 26, 2017 an officer of the Kearney Police Department attempted to stop a 1999 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup at 48th Street and 2nd Avenue for a traffic violation. The vehicle failed to stop for the officer and drove east along E 48th Street until it turned off the street, through a wooden fence and through a pasture in the 5100 Block of Avenue E. The vehicle then drove east on 56th Street to the area of Avenue S. The suspect vehicle then drove off the street, through a fence and into a field until it struck a drainage ditch and abruptly stopped.

A female occupant was contacted at the scene and taken to CHI Good Samaritan Hospital by ambulance with serious injuries. Another occupant fled the scene and was not immediately located. He was later found lying face down about 100 yards away from the accident, hiding. This subject was identified as James R. Covey, 46 from Holdrege, Nebraska. Covey was taken into custody for a felony warrant from Phelps County. He was taken to CHI Good Samaritan Hospital with minor injuries and then lodged at the Buffalo County jail. The investigation continues to determine who was actually driving the pickup during the pursuit.

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