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PHOTO: The pickup and flatbed trailer were towed away after the suspect was taken into custody.

Bismarck man leads law enforcement on a nearly 3-hour pursuit

Mandan, N.D. – A 29-year-old Bismarck man fled from a traffic stop in Mandan this afternoon, leading law enforcement from various agencies on pursuit for nearly three hours through Morton and Sioux counties.

At approximately 2:45pm this afternoon, Mandan Police attempted a traffic stop; however, the driver fled, and struck another vehicle in Mandan before heading south on Highway 1806. The vehicle was abandoned at 20th Avenue as the suspect fled on foot through a field. He then stole a pickup with a gooseneck tandem flathead trailer attached and continued to flee the Morton County Sheriff's deputies on Highway 6. The deputies and Highway Patrol troopers, including the Highway Patrol aircraft, pursued the suspect south on Highway 6 until he reached the reservation boundary in Sioux County.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Sioux County sheriff joined the pursuit as the suspect came back north to Solen, driving along various Morton County roads. The suspect eventually returned to Highway 1806 via County Road 134. Law enforcement made several attempts to spike the pickup tires, but the suspect drove recklessly around the spikes to avoid them. At approximately mile marker 60 at the Little Heart Bridge, another spike strip was used and the suspect was unable to avoid them, allowing the tires to deflate and the vehicle to stop. The suspect was taken into custody without incident at approximately 5:20pm and transported to the Burleigh/Morton Detention Center by a MCSO deputy.

The incident is still under investigation and charges are pending. The suspect's name is being withheld until he is officially charged.

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