

High-speed chase ends north of Brewster

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A car chase on I-70 that started about eight miles from the Colorado state line ended on a county road about two miles north of Brewster when a state trooper returned fire and hit the man driving.

Trooper Perry Frey reported he stopped the vehicle, a blue Toyota Scion, about 7:20 p.m. on Sunday about nine miles west of Goodland because it did not have any license plates.

Frey said when he asked for the registration, the man took off. Frey followed with his lights on, and the Toyota stopped again about a mile later. Again as Frey started toward the vehicle, the driver took off.

The trooper told the dispatcher he was in pursuit and asked for help from Sherman County to set up "stop sticks" at the west Goodland exit.

Frey reported following the Toyota at speeds of up to 90 mph as they approached the exit. He said a man was driving with a woman passenger that he could see.

Sherman County Deputy Asa Stiles had stop sticks ready, but the driver swerved to avoid them and the chase continued east with the trooper and two Sherman County deputies behind.

Trooper Charlie Brattin had stop sticks set up at the Edson exit and Trooper Terry Kummer was waiting with another set at the Brewster exit.

As the Toyota went past the Goodland exit, a sheriff's deputy said he saw something sticking out of the window on the passenger side.

As the car sped east, officers said, the passenger began firing at Frey's car. He reported his car had been hit, but he continued following the Toyota.

As the chase approached the Edson exit, Frey warned Trooper

Brattin to take cover. The Toyota hit the stop sticks but continued east at a slower speed.

A Goodland ambulance was called to be on standby by Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts, and the ambulance was later sent to pick up the injured driver.

The Toyota lost a tire a couple of miles east of where it hit the stop sticks and the speed was down to about 40 mph, Trooper Frey reported.

He said the Toyota was "all over the place" and the woman was waving the gun out the window.

A highway patrol dispatcher reported the Colorado State Patrol had not had any contact with the Toyota, but the owner had reported his Colorado license plates stolen while on a Scenic Byway in that state.

Trooper Frey reported the Toyota was slowing down as the chase approached the Thomas County line where Trooper Kummer was waiting. The Toyota pulled off I-70 at the Brewster exit and drove north toward Brewster.

The state dispatcher told the troopers with the slower speeds, the use of "intervention tactics" had been authorized.

The Toyota continued north past Brewster on Thomas County Road 2 with three troopers, three Sherman County patrol cars, and at least one Thomas County sheriff's vehicle following.

The state dispatcher told the troopers the use of deadly fire had been authorized if needed.

A minute later, Frey said he had fired shots at the Toyota and the car had stopped about two miles north of Brewster.

Shortly, the troopers reported having the woman in custody and shortly after they had the driver as well.

The Goodland ambulance was brought to the scene to treat and transport the man, who had

been shot in the upper left back. Thomas County dispatched a Colby ambulance as well.

When the dust cleared, the Goodland ambulance took the man to Goodland Regional Medical Center and a deputy followed the ambulance to the hospital.

Sherman County Undersheriff Roger Studer, who had picked up the chase at the Goodland exit, took the woman to the Sherman County Bastille.

The chase lasted about 20 minutes and covered about 30 miles across Sherman County into Thomas County.

Patrol Lt. Kevin Winston was called to the scene and directed the handling of the evidence and vehicles. He had the Kansas Bureau of Investigation called to investigate the shooting.

Trooper Frey's car, with bullet holes, was escorted back to Goodland and secured at the sheriff's office.

Sheriff Butts said the man and woman remained unidentified as of Monday morning. He said fingerprints had been sent in on the woman and prints had been taken on the man. He said the driver has been flown to a Denver hospital.

Because of the Martin Luther King holiday, no one at the KBI was available for comment Monday.

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JIM MILLIKEN, St. Francis musician, was once again part of the Denver Brass Holiday Fest Concert. He was accompanied by two Cheylin students and the music instructor.

Group of musicians play in Denver concert

On Dec. 11, Cheylin band instructor, Rose Hengen, Jessie Smith and Nakita Schneider, from Cheylin High School and Annie Hengen, the band instructor from Oakley, accompanied Jim Milliken, St. Francis, to Denver where they played with the Denver Brass in a Holiday Fest Concert. This is a free concert performed every year outside of the theater at the Denver Performing Arts Center.

Three years ago Mr. Milliken attended this concert with his wife, Ruth. Last year he joined the performance with St. Francis trumpet player, Logan Whitmore and this

year extended an invitation for others to join him. He wants to make it possible for as many brass players from St. Francis and the Bird City area to join and participate with this group next year.

This year brought the largest group of amateur brass players consisting of 150-200 participants ranging in ages of 7 to 84 years of age.

The group played 12 Christmas carols alternating with the Denver Brass playing three carols at a time. Rose, Jessie, Nakita and Annie felt very privileged to be able to sit in the front row right

behind the Denver Brass when they performed as well as have lunch in downtown Denver with several trombone players. The Denver Brass is a highly recognized instrumental brass group. It is a recipient of the 2008 Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Art, musicians perform 175-200 concerts and are heard by more than 70,000 people annually.

To be selected to perform in the Denver Brass group, musicians must be able to perform with technical and creative excellence. All these musicians are connected with outstanding music schools.

It was a great privilege for this group of local Kansas musicians to be provided this opportunity. Rose, Jessie, Makita, Annie and Mr. Milliken are recognized for their musical talents and abilities. Jessie said it was a fun experience and she is looking forward to doing it again next year. Mr. Milliken said he is also looking forward to being able to have more brass players accompany him in the Holiday Fest Concert this year.

relatives, own several houses. Again, they do not advertise and the houses are used mostly by relatives, friends and referrals.

Mr. Landenberger said both Mr. Lauer and Mrs. Killingsworth didn't feel that they were doing anything wrong as they don't serve food, and the houses don't fit in the same description as a motel or boarding house. There are three other similar cases in St. Francis and they all feel they are an asset to the town.

I need direction from the council, Mr. Landenberger said.

As I see it, said Roger Jensen, councilman, if it isn't a business, there is no need for a variance.

Until we find out that the houses are something else - that they are a business, said Bruce Swihart, councilman, drop the issue.

If it isn't a definable business, Dale Weeks, councilman said, then we don't have a leg to stand on.

If they are interested in being commercial, Mr. Landenberger said, they can advertise. All they would need is a meter and a variance to run it as a business.

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Dennis Wright and Frank Serrano. Mr. Serrano filed Tuesday morning.

Board of education

St. Francis — Four seats are up for election on the St. Francis Board of Education. Positions and the people currently serving are: District 3, position 3, John Knodel; District 2, position 2, Bonnie Zwegardt; District 1, position 1, Mary Beth Miller; and member-at-large, Sherry Weeks. Mrs. Weeks has filed and Dr. Miller has indicated that she will file.

Cheylin — The Cheylin Board of Education has three seats up for election including District 2, position 2, Dale Hazuka; District 2, position 4, Lori Janicke; and the

Cheylin-McDonald position held by David Frisbie.

How to file

Those filing will need to either pay a \$5 fee or submit a petition with the required amount of signatures to the county clerk located in the courthouse. If the candidate is thinking of submitting a petition, he or she should check with the county clerk to find out the number of signatures needed as there are different numbers for each city and school board.

No withdrawing names

It should be noted, that after a candidate has filed for an office, he cannot withdraw his name after the last date provided by law for filing for such candidacy.

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