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## News Release

On December 13, 2020 the Osceola County Sheriff's Office received a complaint of a suspicious vehicle. An Osceola County Deputy responded and the vehicle, a blue Dodge Journey fled the area, attempting to elude the Deputy. The vehicle pulled into a farm place just north of the O'Brien/Osceola County line on Oak Hill Ave. in an attempt to hide from law enforcement.

The O'Brien County Deputy pulled into the farm place and the driver drove through the ditch causing significant damage to the Journey. The driver exited the ditch, striking the Osceola County Deputies vehicle.

The driver fled south into O'Brien County on Oak Hill Ave. Law enforcement pursued the vehicle into O'Brien County. During the pursuit the Clay County Sheriff's Office notified the deputies that the vehicle matched the description of a stolen vehicle from Spencer Iowa.

The deputies followed the vehicle through O'Brien County and it was eventually stopped on the north side of Germantown on Oak Hill Ave. The driver refused to show his hands or unlock the driver's door. A deputy broke the driver's side window and placed the red targeting laser of his Taser on the driver. The driver then complied, exiting the vehicle and was taken to the ground and handcuffed.

The deputies confirmed the Dodge Journey was stolen from Spencer Iowa. The driver was 24-year-old Bradley Tyler Kots of Sutherland Iowa. Kots was taken into custody, booked into the O'Brien County Jail, and charged with the following:

Misdemeanors:

OWI 1<sup>st</sup> Offense, 321J.2(2)(A).

Driving while under suspension, 321.218(1).

Reckless driving. 321.277.

Possession of methamphetamines, 124.401(5).

Possession of drug paraphernalia, 124.414.

Passing in a No Passing Zone, 321.304(3).

Fail to yield half of roadway, 321.298

Fail to obey stop sign, x5, 321.322(1)  
Speeding, 321.285.

Felonies:

Theft in the 2nd Degree. 714.2(2).  
Eluding, 321.279(3).

Kots is suspected of numerous vehicle thefts in Northwest Iowa and charges are pending the outcome of these investigations.

*Criminal defendants are presumed innocent unless they are proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*

The following agencies assisted the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office:

Osceola County Sheriff's Office  
Sheldon Police Department  
O'Brien County Conservation  
Iowa State Patrol