

### **Vehicle Strikes Horse**

A press release by the Perkins County Sheriff reports that there was a horse struck and killed on Highway 61 north of Grant at about mile marker 76 or just north of Road 768 (Church Road) at about 4:10 a.m. on Feb. 20.

The 53-year-old female driver from Imperial was uninjured in the accident; the horse, as stated above, was killed as a result of the collision.

The vehicle sustained damage in the accident, but was driven away from the scene. It was foggy at the time of the accident and the horse was believed to have broken through the fence and had gotten onto the highway after being chased by coyotes.

### **Public Disturbance**

The Perkins County Sheriff's Office was notified of a disturbance in progress in the parking lot of Kwik Stop located at 514 Central Avenue at around 6:59 p.m. on Feb. 22.

According to a press release by the sheriff's office: 911 calls to the Perkins County Sheriff's Office from citizen bystanders revealed a husband and wife were involved in the disturbance and the wife had been choked by her husband. A small child belonging to the couple was reported to have been present during the disturbance, but was unharmed.

Upon arriving on scene, Sheriff Jim Brueggeman made contact with 32-year-old J. Dutch Hecht of Madrid. Due to the seriousness of the alleged offense and the sheriff's personal knowledge of Hecht being previously convicted in Perkins County Court on the offense of Carrying A Concealed Weapon, Sheriff Brueggeman deployed, but did not discharge, a taser to gain Hecht's compliance while waiting for a backup officer, Deputy Smidt, to arrive on scene and assist with safely taking Hecht into custody and searching him.

At no time was a firearm ever deployed by law enforcement personnel nor was the public ever placed in harm's way by deployment of the Taser Electronic Control Device.

Hecht was taken into custody without further incident and jailed in the Keith County Jail on charges of Felony Carrying A Concealed Weapon, Misdemeanor Third Degree Domestic Assault, Disturbing the Peace, and Disorderly Conduct.

Hecht is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges March 2, 2011.

The female, 25-year-old Jennifer N. Hecht of Brule, did not require medical treatment following the incident and was cited and released for Disturbing the Peace and Disorderly Conduct for her part in the incident. She is also scheduled to be arraigned on March 2.