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The Nebraska State Patrol and Perkins County Sheriff's office were involved in a high speed chase Friday evening that ended just outside of Grant and resulted in the arrest of one individual.

The chase included a state patrol airplane coming to the aid of officers.

According to Lt. Mark Stokey of the Nebraska State Patrol, a vehicle theft of a Dodge pickup near Holdrege was investigated by the state patrol Friday afternoon. The pickup was seen on Interstate 80 near Sutherland. Around 6:55 p.m. the truck was stopped but the driver, identified by Stokey as Taylor Nixon, 29, of Frisco, Colo., drove off and the pursuit began.

Nixon went north of Highway 30 and wound his way back to Paxton, where reports indicate the state patrol lost visual on Nixon. A state patrol aircraft that was surveying flooding in the area was called in to help in the pursuit. The plane located the vehicle north of Madrid on a county road. Units began closing in on Nixon and backed off pursuit once he made it to the city limits of Grant.

Stokey explained that Nixon began heading north out of Grant on Highway 61 and began showing 'evasive action toward on-coming traffic.'

"We basically spun him out and he ended up in a cornfield," Stokey said.

The vehicle came to a rest near the airport, in a field across from Hutt Welding and Metal, where Nixon was taken into custody without incident.

Stokey indicated that the investigation is on-going and Nixon is implicated in stealing three vehicles, one in Lincoln, that day and using a stolen credit card near the Doniphan interchange.

Nixon was charged with possession of marijuana (less than one ounce), flight to avoid arrest, stealing a vehicle and 'numerous traffic offenses.'