

PRESS RELEASE

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AMES, Iowa - On Tuesday, March 9, an Iowa State University police officer observed a vehicle near the intersection of Stange Avenue and 24th Street matching the description of a possible stolen vehicle out of Ames. When the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver, later identified as a 14-year-old juvenile female from Ames, failed to stop and sped away.

The officer continued to follow the vehicle as the driver turned north on G.W. Carver, approaching the intersection with Bloomington Road. The driver turned east on Bloomington Road, failing to stop at the stop sign. The driver continued eastbound to Grand Avenue and turned north. The driver continued northbound out of Ames, taking various gravel roads within Story County in an attempt to elude officers.

Officers requested assistance from the Iowa State Patrol and Hamilton County Sheriff's Office once the driver got on I-35 northbound. Officers with the Story City Police Department and the Iowa State Patrol were able to successfully stop the vehicle in the area of 330th Street and Xircus Avenue in Hamilton County.

The driver and four other passengers, all juveniles, were transported to the Iowa State University Police Department.

The driver of the vehicle was referred to Juvenile Court Services for eluding. No charges were filed on the four passengers.

A review of the pursuit will be conducted per departmental policy.