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Multi-County Motor Vehicle Pursuit

NARRATIVE:

On Wednesday, October 28th, at approximately 4:16 pm, a NDHP Trooper attempted to stop a motor vehicle for traveling 95 in a 65 MPH zone on ND Highway 14 near Wing, ND (Burleigh County). The driver failed to stop for the speeding violation and a pursuit was initiated northbound on Highway 14.

The suspect vehicle reached a top speed of 110 MPH as it fled through Sheridan and McHenry Counties. After turning east on ND Highway 19 the vehicle avoided spike strips before turning north on ND Highway 3. The vehicle was successfully spiked two miles south of Rugby, ND which deflated the vehicle's front two tires. The driver continued to flee before the vehicle became disabled 8 miles north of Rugby on Highway 3. A male driver and female passenger were detained without further incident.

The suspect vehicle was a 2004 Mercury Sable. The suspect driver was identified as Waylon Zaste, 28 YOA male, Belcourt, ND. The passenger was identified as Courtney Marie Handeland, 19 YOA female, Belcourt, ND. Handeland was released without any charges after an investigation. Zaste was driving with a suspended driver license and had active arrest warrants at the time of his arrest. Zaste was taken to the Pierce County Jail in Rugby, ND and booked in for Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle, Reckless Driving, and Driving Under Suspension.

The NDHP was assisted by the McHenry County Sheriff's Department, Pierce County Sheriff's Department, Rugby Police Department, and the ND Game and Fish Department.

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