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Thompson Area Pursuit I29

NARRATIVE: On May 17, 2021 at approximately 8:30 AM, a NDHP trooper was attempting a traffic stop on a 2007 Nissan Murano which had been traveling 95 mph in a 75-mph zone headed south on I-29, between Grand Forks and Thompson. The driver, identified as Douglas Reiersen, Newfolden, MN, did not stop and continued southbound. The trooper began a pursuit of the vehicle. Reiersen eventually pulled over near the Thompson exit and shouted at the trooper and then pulled away and continued south, eventually stopping near MM 125, but would not get out of his vehicle. A second trooper arrived on scene to assist and the two troopers were able to get him out of his vehicle, however Reiersen resisted arrest, kicked both troopers, and bit one trooper on the arm. The troopers were able to get him into custody and took him to Altru to be treated for any possible wounds. Reiersen and both troopers were treated and cleared from the hospital. Reiersen was placed back in the patrol car to be transported to Grand Forks County Corrections. On the transport to GFCC, near Gateway Drive and North Washington Avenue, Reiersen was able to move the cuffs from behind his back facing frontward and attempted to open the rear door. He then used his handcuffs to bust out the passenger side window of the trooper's vehicle and attempted to escape by jumping out headfirst as the squad vehicle pulled into Grand Forks County Corrections parking lot. A trooper got Reiersen under control and back in custody. He was turned over to corrections officers after being evaluated and treated for any possible injuries by Altru Ambulance staff. The investigation is still ongoing and Reiersen has pending charges.

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