

Vehicle pursuit leads to school precautions

(KAIR)--The pursuit of a stolen vehicle was the reason behind precautions taken Tuesday morning at the Atchison County Schools of USD 377.

Shortly after 9:00, the Effingham-based school district posted to Facebook a message that was also sent via text alert to district patrons. It said the school district had “entered into a controlled environment due to police activity in the area,” adding that there was no “immediate or imminent threat to students.”

A short time later, an all clear alert was issued by the district.

Atchison County Undersheriff Toby Smith, in a release, said his office was notified by the Kansas Highway Patrol, around 9:00, that a stolen vehicle was being pursued and was entering Atchison County on U.S. Highway 59, near the Nortonville area.

The Sheriff's Office joined the Patrol in pursuing the vehicle throughout northwestern Atchison County.

When the suspect vehicle traveled onto Edwards Road, at a high rate of speed, the school district was notified as a precaution, due to the proximity of the pursuit to the schools.

The suspects allegedly abandoned the vehicle near 310th and Decatur Road a short time later, and were taken into custody by the Patrol.

Arrested was 40-year-old Quinton Wilson, of Topeka.

Identified as the driver of the vehicle, he was transported to the Leavenworth County Jail.

A female passenger was released from custody.

The Chevy Impala had been reported stolen from Lawrence.