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Killeen Police have arrested a 54 year old man who officers from several law enforcement agencies pursued after he committed a theft and attempted to run over an officer.

Officers responded to the area of Zinnia and Botanical Dr. at 10:53am after receiving information about a theft that had just occurred. A witness told officers that a white male in a red Ford pickup had just stolen an item from a trailer that was parked in that area. As the officers patrolling were approaching the area, an officer with the KISD Police located the suspect red Ford pickup in the area of Elms Rd. and Old Florence Rd. and attempted to stop the driver. The driver refused to stop for the officer and a pursuit ensued at 11:05am in the area of Reed Circle and Weiss Dr. Killeen Police Officers arrived to assist the KISD Officer near Weiss Dr. and Trimmier Rd. The suspect continued to flee from officers as they continued to pursue him through streets in Killeen continuing in Harker Heights. Officers with the Harker Heights Officers arrived to assist the other officers in this pursuit as well. The driver turned onto Lobo Circle just off of Wolverine Dr. and slowed down as though he was going to stop when a Killeen Police Officer was beginning to exit his vehicle the driver sped up and turned around driving the pickup at the officer attempting to run him over. The officer fired his duty weapon at the vehicle but the suspect sped up and fled again. The pursuit resumed with other officers as the driver fled through numerous streets in Harker Heights and into Nolanville, back into Harker Heights where he was taken into custody in the area of Puma and Gazelle at 11:42am. The suspect was transported to Metroplex Hospital to be evaluated and then to the Killeen City Jail.

The item that was originally reported stolen was located in the suspect's vehicle. He is being held on Felony Evading Arrest in a Vehicle; other charges are also pending at this time.

There was no one injured during this pursuit that involved numerous officers from Killeen Police Department, Harker Heights Police Department, Nolanville Police Department, Killeen ISD Police Department, Bell County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Safety.

The name of the suspect has been withheld until formal charges have been returned by the Bell County District Attorney's Office at a later date.

This case continues to be investigated and information will be released as it becomes available.

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