



Converse County Sheriff's Office

Vehicle Pursuit

On January 21, 2021 at about 2:30 AM a Converse County Deputy stopped a blue 2011 Chevy Traverse for an equipment violation, near the intersection of Riverbend and Muirfield in Douglas, WY. The female driver had a suspended driver's license and told the deputy the owner of the vehicle was not present. The deputy began to identify the other passengers to check for a valid driver. A rear seat passenger got out of the vehicle and the other passenger got in the driver's seat and speed away. A Douglas PD officer who had stopped to assist began pursuing the vehicle while the deputy who initiated the stop, stayed on scene with the other occupants. A second Converse County deputy responded to the pursuit as Douglas PD officers pursued the vehicle north on Wy-59. At about 15 miles north of Douglas the deputy took over the primary position in the pursuit. The pursuit continued north on WY59 for about 35 more miles before the driver fled West on Jenne Trail. After about 5 miles the driver turned back toward WY-59. A Converse County Sheriff's Office Sergeant joined in the pursuit with the deputy and Douglas PD Officer's discontinued the pursuit. The Sheriff's Office deputies continued to pursue north on WY-59 to where Campbell County Deputies successfully deployed tire deflation spikes. The driver continued driving on 4 flat tires until stopping near mile marker 67, where the driver fled on foot into a field. Deputies pursued on foot until the suspect surrendered and was placed into custody.

The original driver was identified as Donna Farley, a 29 year old resident of Gillette, WY who was arrested for driving under suspension and interference with a peace officer. The driver who fled was identified as Morghan Schmit, a 28 year old Gillette resident who was arrested for eluding, driving under the influence, possession of controlled substance, and other traffic offences. Morghan Schmit is a registered owner of the vehicle.