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PRESS RELEASE:

On Monday, October 25, 2021, at approximately 2:40 PM, Andrew County Sheriff's Office was alerted by Savannah Police Department that a citizen advised a stolen truck just left the city limits of Savannah. The truck was described as a late 1990's Ford F-150 tan in color and was last seen southbound on Highway 71. Savannah Police Department was able to locate the vehicle turning onto County Road 363 from Highway 71. The truck then pulled into a private driveway, where the officer attempted to contact the occupants.

A registration check on the vehicle confirmed the vehicle was stolen on October 24, 2021, from St. Joseph, Missouri. When the officer attempted to make contact with the suspect vehicle it fled back to County Road 363. The passenger then got out of the truck and attempted to keep the Savannah Officer from going after the stolen truck. The passenger was taken into custody for investigation. An Andrew County Deputy noticed the suspect vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed down County Road 363 and then turned onto Highway 71, traveling southbound. Deputies activated their emergency sirens and lights, and persued the vehicle as it continued to flee from deputies.

Andrew County Sheriff's Department requested the assistance of the Missouri Highway Patrol, Country Club Police Department, Saint Joseph Police Department, and Buchanan County Sheriff's Office. Speeds reached 95 M.P.H, and the suspect vehicle started to have mechanical problems. The chase then went onto Interstate 29 from Highway 71 traveling southbound.

Missouri State Highway Patrol was able to get stop sticks placed at the 47 mile marker, where the suspect vehicle came to a stop after going off the roadway. The male suspect then fled on foot from the truck running towards Motel 6, where several agencies came together to take the suspect into custody without further incident.

As the Sheriff of Andrew County, I am genuinely grateful for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Saint Joseph Police Department, Buchanan County Sheriff's Office, Savannah Police Department and Country Club Police Department. With everyone working together, we were able to bring this dangerous situation to a peaceful ending without injury to the suspects, citizens, and all involved.

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Andrew County Sheriff Grant Gillett