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Weld County Sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Hwy 71 and county road 124, eight miles south of the Nebraska Colorado state line on a report of a car chase from Kimball, NE. Deputies from Kimball County NE and Logan County Colorado assisted. Kimball County reported that the suspect was attempted to be contacted reference a trespass in progress when the 92 Ford F150 pickup took off eluding deputies until he reached CR 124 where the vehicle stopped and Mark Randall Harken, age 24, of Aplington, IA took off on foot with what appeared to be a long gun in his hands. The vehicle revealed a small amount of methamphetamines and large amount of ammunition. A phone call back to 9-1-1 subscribers in a five mile area contacting eight residences warned property owners of the situation. At approximately 7:15 am this date Harken was taken into custody after being spotted in a ravine. Harken, dressed in camouflage apparel, had in his possession a 22 rifle, 12 gauge semi-automatic shot-gun, and a 480 revolver along with food and water when apprehended. Harken was arrested on charges of possession of schedule 2 drugs (methamphetamines) and eluding and is being held at the Weld County Jail pending a bond hearing.

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