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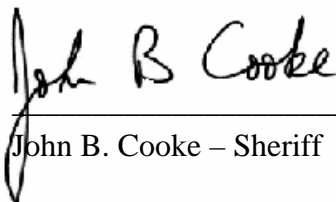
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CHASE ENDS UP IN ARREST AND DAMAGED PATROL CAR

Weld County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report from a citizen of a hit and run vehicle that was being pursued by the victim of the hit vehicle. This sequence of events began approximately 10:40am this date in the area of cr 18 and cr 23 North West of Ft Lupton. The suspect vehicle, a 1985 Ford pickup with a red door, was followed by the victim who provided detailed information to Weld County Regional Dispatch Center. A female passenger yet unidentified was reported to have gotten out of the vehicle in Wattenburg during the pursuit. Deputies responded to the area and were able to get behind the suspect vehicle on CR 2 west of Hwy 85 for approximately two miles with speed up to a 100 mph when suspect vehicle crashed into a guard rail in a driveway near Sylmar Manor Mobile Home Park. Adams County deputies, Brighton Police Department and Weld County Deputies searched the area west of Sylmar Manor when the Manager of the Sylmar Manor Sewage Treatment Plant provided directions to the location where the suspect was hiding. Suspect, Joel Garcia, age 39, formerly of the Wattenburg Ft Lupton area currently transient, was located and arrested. Suspect was not injured. Suspect was taken to Weld County Jail on charges of stolen motor vehicle, felony eluding, leaving the scene of accident twice. Garcia is currently on parole and had a warrant for parole violation out on him with no bond. Deputy John Tucker was involved in a traffic accident in the area of the cr 21 and cr 2 while enroute to assist in the pursuit. Deputy Tucker was airlifted to North Colorado Medical Center with back and shoulder injuries where he was treated and released. During the incident a Weld County Deputy discharged his weapon. No injuries are reported.



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Joel Garcia