

## High speed chase leads to arrest, two suspects remain on the run

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A Pekin man was arrested and two other suspects are on the loose following a high speed chase Feb. 10 in Harrison County.

According to a news release from the Indiana State Police, a trooper patrolling State Road 135 near Corydon attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a gold 1996 Ford Ranger for unsafe lane movement.

The driver of the vehicle refused to stop and continued north on State Road 135.

A pursuit began travelling down several Harrison County roads. As the pursued vehicle went onto Motts Road a male passenger jumped out of the moving vehicle.

The report said that after jumping from the vehicle the passenger, Noah R. Payton, 26, Pekin, attempted to flee on foot.

Payton was apprehended.

The chase continued and a short time later, still on Motts Road, the Ford Ranger crashed and a male and female passenger fled from the scene.

The two allegedly went to a residence near the crash scene and stole a dark blue 2002 Chrysler Sebring that was in the driveway.

The stolen vehicle had a missing rear bumper and an "Indiana In God We Trust License Plate" with the registration 521KOA in the rear window.

The stolen vehicle was seen a short time later on State Road 135 by a deputy from the Harrison County Sheriff's Department but the driver was able to elude the deputy on Sival Road when the deputy crashed his patrol car.

As troopers continued the investigation at the scene of the crash of the gold 1996 Ford Ranger on Motts Road they discovered several items in the vehicle used in the manufacturing of a Methamphetamine.

At the time this story was posted (Feb. 11) troopers are still trying to locate the stolen 2002 dark blue Chrysler Sebring.

Troopers are also trying to positively identify both the male and female whom were last seen in the stolen car.

Payton received non-life threatening injuries when he jumped from the moving 1996 gold Ford Ranger pickup.

He was arrested and incarcerated in the Harrison County Jail awaiting his first court appearance.

He was charged with Resisting Law Enforcement, A Misdemeanor, Possession of Two or more Precursors used in the Manufacturing of Methamphetamine, C Felony and Visiting a Common Nuisance, B Misdemeanor.

Payton, no one else was injured during this incident and speeds exceeded 80 miles per hour.