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## **Suspect Arrested Following Pursuit, Collision with Deputy Patrol Vehicle**

CHEYENNE, Wy — Saturday, October 14, at approximately 2:13 a.m., Cheyenne Police Officers made a traffic stop on a Chevrolet pickup truck near the 1200 block of Ames Avenue. The truck was traveling through downtown at a high rate of speed and failing to maintain its lane.

The driver, later identified as Evan Kearsley, 35, of Kent, Washington, pulled the vehicle over at the intersection of Ames Avenue and Parsley Boulevard. During the traffic stop, Kearsley was instructed to remove his keys from the ignition, but instead, he put the vehicle into drive and accelerated away from officers.

Officers immediately pursued the vehicle, following south on Parsley Boulevard and then east on West College Drive. Kearsley proceeded to drive recklessly at times crossing into oncoming traffic and running red lights.

A Wyoming Highway Patrol Trooper successfully deployed spike strips, however, the truck continued to travel at a high rate of speed toward South Greeley Highway.

The driver then turned into the parking lot of Rossman Elementary School, struck a curb, and nearly collided with a police officer's patrol vehicle.

As the driver was attempting to exit the parking lot, a Laramie County Sheriff's Deputy pulled into the entrance on Walterscheid Boulevard. Kearsley swerved his vehicle towards the deputy's patrol car and crashed into the front fender on the driver's side. He continued to accelerate into the deputy's vehicle with the deputy still in the driver's seat.

Cheyenne Police Officers ran to the driver's door, gained entry, and took Kearsley into custody. No injuries were reported.

Kearsley was booked into Laramie County Jail for aggravated assault on a peace officer, Driving Under the Influence (DUI), aggravated fleeing and eluding, and interference with a police officer.