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Ham Lake-Blaine Motor Vehicle Fleeing Law Enforcement

On September 28, 2021, at approximately 6:17 P.M., a deputy with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office responded to the 7000 block of Ivy Ln NE in the city of Ham Lake on the report of a suspicious male in a vehicle watching children in the area. A registration check of the vehicle's license plated determined that the registered owner of the vehicle had an active arrest warrant for criminal sexual conduct. While at the location, the driver and vehicle proceeded to flee from the deputy.

The deputy did not continue the pursuit due to the amount of people in the area, making the situation dangerous to the public. Shortly thereafter, a second deputy with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office located the vehicle traveling southbound on Highway 65. In the city of Blaine, deputies and officers with the Blaine Police Department attempted to stop the vehicle with stop sticks and pursuit intervention techniques. After crashing into multiple squad cars, law enforcement successfully stopped the vehicle near the 9700 block of Highway 65.

Once stopped, the male armed himself with a knife and refused law enforcement's commands. Less lethal tactics were used to disarm the male and place him under arrest. He was then transported via Allina EMS to a local hospital for evaluation.

The incident is under investigation by the Minnesota State Patrol and Anoka County Sheriff's Office. No additional information will be provided at this time.

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