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### News Release

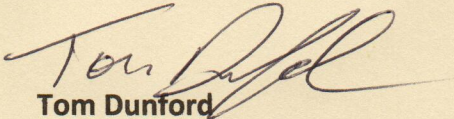
Lea County- Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at approximately 5:24 pm, deputies with the Lea County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding a Civil Dispute in the 100 block of E Pinson. While conducting the investigation, it was discovered the suspect, Vivian Condarco (33 yoa) had a warrant for her arrest. Deputies attempted to get her out of the passenger side of the vehicle she was sitting in. Condarco refused to get out of the vehicle and then moved over to the driver's side of the vehicle. She then began to back the vehicle up while Sgt. Jeff Walker was attempting to stop her from leaving the area. As of result of Condarco backing the vehicle up and attempting to flee the area, Sgt. Walker was forced backwards being drug a short distance by the vehicles, door causing him to fall to the ground; Condarco then drove away from the area at a high rate of speed.

Condarco led deputies on a high speed chase towards Lovington. When getting into the Lovington area, she attempted to turn around but stopped her vehicle in the middle of Hwy 18 near Gilmore Street. As a result of her immediate stop, the suspect vehicle was struck by the front of Sgt. Walker's unit, colliding with the driver's side of the vehicle. Condarco then drove south of Hwy 18 at high rates of speed exceeding 90 miles per hour.

When she got to Kansas and Hwy 18, deputies were able to deploy road spikes (Stop Sticks) causing the vehicles tires to begin to deflate. Condarco's vehicle came to a stop near the intersection of Hwy 18 and College Lane, where she was taken into custody.

Sgt. Jeff Walker was transported to Nor Lea Hospital as a result of the injuries he received on Pinson, when the call begin. He is being treated at the time of this release; his injuries were to his legs and there doesn't appear to be any major injuries.

Condarco is being held in Lea County Detention Center on the Parole Violation warrant with no bond. Charges will be brought against Condarco as a result of the incident tonight after consultation with the District Attorney's office tomorrow.

  
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