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Updated News Release

Lea County- On 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. She then began to back the vehicle up while Sgt. Jeff Walker was attempting to stop her from leaving the area. Sgt. Walker was forced backwards being drug a short distance by the vehicles, Condarco led deputies on a high speed chase towards Lovington, she then turned around and drove south of Hwy 18 at high rates of speed exceeding 90 miles per hour. At 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, she was being held in Lea County Detention Center on a No Bond, Parole Violation.

Sgt. Jeff Walker was transported to Nor Lea Hospital as a result of the injuries to his legs but there didn't appear to be any major injuries.

On April 1st, 2015, at approximately 2030 hours, members of the Lea County Sheriff's Office, served Ms. Condarco with a felony warrant for Battery on a Police Officer, Aggravated Fleeing from officers and False Imprisonment with a \$50,000 bond.

Sgt. Walker was released from the hospital late in the night after being treated and released. He did not sustain any major injuries as a result of this incident and is expected to return to work tomorrow, April 3, 2015.

We would like to thank the Lovington Police Department, New Mexico State Police and the Hobbs Police Department for assisting us during and after this incident, "Sheriff Ackerman is very appreciative of everyone's efforts, the teamwork and the calls of support received on Sgt. Walker and his recovery."

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