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Suspect Taken into Custody After Stealing a Unit

Artesia – Officers with the Motor Transportation Division were notified this morning just before 8:00 AM of a suspicious person in the area of 2801 S. 1st St. Upon his arrival, the MTD Officer noticed a subject who was later identified as 27 yr old Cody Davis of Artesia, coming from the property. The MTD Officer attempted to make contact with Davis as he fled around to the back of the building. While searching the rear of the building the MTD officer observed Davis attempting to back away from the area on a forklift.

The MTD officer made contact with Davis and discharged his Taser attempting to take Davis into custody, Davis was able to slip away and get into the MTD officers parked unit and flee from the scene. The MTD officer discharged his duty issued firearm in an attempt to stop the fleeing suspect. Davis was able to flee from the scene traveling north into the city of Artesia.

Authorities with Artesia Police Department initiated a pursuit on Davis traveling through the town of Artesia coming to a stop between Mill and Richey Road, taking Mr. Davis into custody without any further incident.

State Police Criminal Investigations Bureau preliminary investigation revealed Davis allegedly attempted to unlawfully take an occupied motor vehicle by force from the premises of 2801 S. 1st Street. Just moments after Davis' attempts to take the vehicle failed, the MTD Officer arrived on scene and attempted to make contact with Davis and subsequently fled and was later taken into custody. Davis was booked into the Eddy County Detention Facility on an Adult Probation hold while further charges are pending.

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