

# Johnston County deputies injured in wild pursuit

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JOHNSTON COUNTY, Okla. (KTEN) — A Tishomingo man is behind bars after an overnight police pursuit.

Johnston County Sheriff Gary Dodd said the chase began after man identified as Mark Crawley, 33, was seen by Deputy Joey Schanz leaving a "high-traffic drug area" in Tishomingo.

The driver refused to pull over and a pursuit ensued northbound on U.S. 377.

"At one point, the suspect took his vehicle and struck Tishomingo Officer Jonah Wise's patrol unit," Dodd said in a written statement. "Luckily, Officer Wise was not injured."

The sheriff said the suspect, driving erratically, smashed through a gate and into a pasture about three miles north of Tishomingo. As the driver attempted to get back on the highway, Dodd said Deputy Ty Richeson used a maneuver that caused the fleeing vehicle to flip over on its side.

"The suspect, Mark Crawley, refused to exit the vehicle, which forced deputies to bust out his windshield and having to fight Crowley [SIC] to remove him from the vehicle and place him in handcuffs," Dodd said, adding that the suspect was "extremely intoxicated on methamphetamine."

Three Johnston County deputies suffered minor injuries. In a booking photo, Crawley was pictured with a bloody face.

Crawley was arrested on a number of charges, including assault and battery on a peace officer, possession of meth and drug paraphernalia, and resisting arrest.



Kyle Mark Crawley was arrested after leading Johnston County law enforcement officers on a pursuit. (Facebook/Johnston County Sheriff's Office)