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Police chase ends in accident

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FORT SCOTT - A pursuit of a vehicle by the Fort Scott Police Department ended in an accident Thursday night.

According to a report from the Fort Scott Police Department, officers were dispatched at 7:48 p.m. to 924 S. Main for a report of child abuse. Upon arrival, the report said, officers were advised by a witness that a subject, Chris Rico, was fleeing the scene with a minor. Officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the white 1992 Buick, however the car did not stop and officers pursued the vehicle south on US 69 Highway.

The pursuit ended at US 69 Highway and Highway 7 when the Buick left the roadway and was engulfed in fire. Rico was transported by Mercy EMS to Mercy Hospital in Fort Scott. After a search of the scene, officers learned Rico was the only occupant in the Buick and the child was still at 924 S. Main in Fort Scott.

The Fort Scott Police Department declined to release the condition of Rico as of presstime.

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