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MAN KILLS HIMSELF AFTER VEHICLE CHASE

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Article Text:

A 29-year-old Dubuque, Iowa, man killed himself Friday night after a vehicle chase in Grant County.

Sean E. Patterson shot himself in the head with a handgun as officers were negotiating with him, according to the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

The Iowa-Grant Drug Task Force and the State Division of Narcotics Enforcement located a possible methamphetamine lab in a 1995 Ford Windstar van parked off of North Percival Street in Hazel Green around 5:30 p.m. Friday, deputies said.

During the investigation, Amberai J. Pancratz, 21 also of Dubuque, was arrested on tentative drug charges related to methamphetamine possession and manufacture, deputies said.

Information from Pancratz led deputies to Patterson in Cuba City. When deputies tried to make contact, he fled in his vehicle. After a short chase, Patterson's vehicle got stuck in the snow as he tried to drive through a backyard, deputies said. Patterson then pulled out his gun and shot himself. He died at the scene.

The lab was secured, disassembled and decontaminated, deputies said.

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