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Logan County Drone Saves the Night in Overnight Pursuit and Crash ↗



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Awakened overnight, a Logan County sheriff's drone operator helped locate a trapped driver after a pursuit ended with a car hidden in a ravine near Seward and Midwest.

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GUTHRIE, Okla. — (October 28, 2026) A vehicle believed to belong to a sheriff's investigator sits in the woods south of Seward Road near Midwest Boulevard late Wednesday morning, at the site of an early morning crash that ended a pursuit originating on Interstate 35.

A Logan County sheriff's drone helped guide deputies to a driver trapped in a ravine early Wednesday after a high-speed pursuit ended in a crash, according to public safety radio traffic.

Deputies found debris and a front bumper at the crash site, but the car itself was out of sight.

The incident began about 2:18 a.m., when a deputy reported trying to catch a silver hatchback traveling more than 100 mph north on Interstate 35. The vehicle exited at Seward Road and continued east past Pine.

About a minute later, the pursuing deputy reported a crash near the sharp Seward curve just west of Midwest Boulevard. Signs advise drivers to take the curve at 20 mph.



GUTHRIE, Okla. — (October 28, 2026) Flags wave in the autumn air Wednesday morning outside the Logan County Sheriff's Office. Overnight, sheriff's deputies first pursued and then rescued a motorist after a crash near Midwest Boulevard and Seward Road left the driver trapped inside the vehicle.

Deputies could not initially locate the vehicle in the woods and deep ravine south of Seward. One officer reported hearing moaning down the embankment, but locating and reaching the car proved difficult.

The sheriff's drone operator was awakened and brought in to assist. Within minutes, the operator located the vehicle and began directing ground searchers toward it.

By about 3:33 a.m., deputies reported making contact with the driver, who said he was unhurt but could not get out.

Thick vegetation blocked access. A partly open door was pinned, trapping the driver inside. One searcher reported being about 10 feet from the car but unable to reach it.

Guthrie and Woodcrest fire personnel were called, with a request for a chainsaw to help clear access.

At about 3:46 a.m., Woodcrest reported that the driver had been freed.

Deputies took the driver to Mercy Hospital Logan County. Later radio traffic reported a man being transported from the hospital to the county jail, arriving about 7:11 a.m.

Separately, Logan County booking records list Leo Daniel Michaels, 24, of Yukon, as booked at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, on allegations of eluding a police officer, aggravated DUI, speeding and failure to stop at a stop sign.

The Capital has not confirmed a connection between Michaels' booking and the overnight pursuit and crash. The booking record alone does not establish that he was the driver.

As of midmorning, a person who appeared to be a Logan County investigator remained at the scene and could be seen walking through the woods south of the road.

This isn't the first time the notorious hairpin curve at Midwest has potentially brought an end to a high-speed pursuit. In April of 2012, a driver fleeing Logan

County deputies reached 100 mph eastbound on Seward and lost control in the same area, later pleading guilty to an eluding charge.

Logan County's use of drones dates back at least to October 2022, when Emergency Management Director Steven Haga told county commissioners that a drone had arrived and training had begun.

In September 2024, Haga used a drone to help monitor a grass fire near Highway 33 and Santa Fe Road. A drone also helped officers locate a deceased suspect after two Logan County deputies were shot during an April 2025 domestic-disturbance response, allowing officers to approach safely.

In April of this year, the Federal Aviation Administration granted Logan County Emergency Management a waiver permitting drone flights beyond the pilot's visual line of sight and over people and moving vehicles, subject to operating restrictions and safety conditions. The waiver runs through April 30, 2030.