

Officers shoot Indiana man after he steals cars, injures officers

SHOOTING, from Page 1

in the road and Palmer jumped into the back of the truck, picking up a garden hoe and threatening the officers. Goering said he drew his gun, but couldn't shoot because he didn't want to hurt Vavra, who had gotten out of the pickup.

He said Palmer jumped into the truck, locked the doors and took off north toward I-70. Undersheriff Reeder had just arrived, Goering said, and the young man plowed into the open driver's door of Reeder's car. The officer wasn't hurt.

"He was aiming for him, yeah," the sheriff said.

Ronnie Teakell, from Walters, Okla., said he was headed home after repossessing a green boat in Colorado, when the white pickup sped past him in the left lane. Palmer lost control when he tried to pass another car on the right, Teakell said, and rolled the pickup onto its top in the median.

Teakell said he and another driver, Gary Hollis, Eureka, stopped to help. The Oklahoman said he went to see if the driver was hurt while Hollis called 911.

"I was going to be a Good Samaritan," he said. "I didn't know he was being chased."

Teakell said he was crawling up to the pickup, and he said he could see Palmer moving around in the cab.

"He was on his hands and knees in there trying to do something," he said, adding that Palmer scampered out of the truck fast when he noticed someone was watching. Teakell said the young man blew past him and had jumped into his pickup before he could figure out what was happening.

"I felt stupid," he said, "standing there watching my pickup drive away."

Although dispatchers first reported that Palmer had a gun and shots had



A Goodland police officer helped direct traffic past the crime scene on Friday, while state Highway Patrol officers talked with city and county officers.

been fired, Teakell said he never saw a gun and officers didn't report the young man had a firearm later.

Lt. John Eichkorn, a public information officer for the Highway Patrol in Topeka, said he doesn't think Palmer ever had a gun, but added that the KBI will investigate that further.

Hollis said he saw Palmer steal Teakell's truck, and thought the man acted like he was on drugs.

"He was wound up on something," he said.

Teakell said he got into Hollis' car and they drove east, watching Palmer swerve through traffic before he exited at Ruleton.

"The way he was driving, I knew he was going to wreck again," Hollis said.

Teakell and Hollis stayed on the freeway while the chase went east on U.S. 24, but they wound up with ringside seats when the pickup came back up on the freeway east of Goodland. They witnessed Palmer's third accident about 18 miles up the road.

"We saw him coming back," Hollis said, adding that he thought Palmer, driving the stolen pickup with virtually

no left front tire, hit Larry and Phyllis Dickey's truck because he wanted to steal it.

The couple, who farm in Sherman County, were not injured. They said they got out of their truck and watched as officers wrestled with Palmer.

"It got really ugly for awhile," Larry Dickey said.

The couple said they watched Palmer get into the trooper's car, saw the officers being dragged and knew Lamb had been injured, but weren't sure exactly what was happening.

"All I know is bodies were flying," Phyllis Dickey said. "I heard some bang, bang."

Teakell and Hollis said they remember hearing three or four gunshots.

Everyone agreed that Palmer looked and acted like he was on something.

"He looked crazy," Phyllis Dickey said.

Sheriff Goering agreed, adding that officers won't know for sure until an autopsy is done. Lt. Eichkorn said Monday that he hasn't heard any autopsy results.

"It looks like he was possibly on



An Oklahoma man's pickup was damaged and the left front wheel ruined when an Indiana man stole the vehicle while running from authorities on Friday, in a chase that ended with officers shooting the man to death. The truck was pulling a boat trailer, but the boat flew off near Ruleton and the trailer was damaged, too.

some type of drugs," the sheriff said, adding that no drugs were found in his car, but there was some drug paraphernalia.

City, county and state officers immediately arrived at the scene in Sherman County to help direct traffic, flag the crime scenes and interview witnesses. Ambulance crews took Lamb and Palmer to the hospital. Kit Carson County officers were also at the scene,

talking with witnesses and officers here.

At the Highway Patrol's request, Lt. Eichkorn said, the Kansas Department of Transportation closed the eastbound lanes of I-70 between the west and east exits at 4:10 p.m. and the westbound lanes at 4:15 p.m. He said the westbound lanes opened at 9:20 p.m. and the eastbound lanes at 9:30 p.m., after the investigation was done. Traffic was routed to Business U.S. 24.

Eichkorn said the wrecked vehicles and boat will be impounded and held as evidence until the investigation is finished, and then released to the owners.

Sheriff Goering said Palmer's vehicle has been impounded in Kit Carson County. He said officers

searched Palmer's car and he will forward his report to Kansas authorities.

Lt. Kevin Winston, Highway Patrol supervisor in Goodland, said the investigation has been turned over to the KBI, which has asked officers not to comment on the case. Lt. Eichkorn said KBI agents were called in immediately and the investigation could take a week or longer. He said Palmer's family was in Goodland this weekend and identified the body.

A press release from the patrol said policy requires that Albers and the other trooper, both of whom have worked for the patrol for less than a year, be placed on administrative leave until the investigation is finished. In the meantime, Eichkorn said, other troopers will take over their duties.

More areas test positive for anthrax spores

ANTHRAX, from Page 1

likely to be inhaled into the lungs.

In all, officials have tallied 14 confirmed cases of anthrax in the last three weeks, including three deaths from the inhalation form of the disease.

There were positive tests for anthrax at a building that houses the Voice of America and Food and Drug Administration, the main State Department building and the main Supreme Court building.

One official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said two pieces of mail brought into the State Department mailroom had tested positive. The mail came directly from the central Brentwood mail processing facility in the nation's capital.

The discovery of anthrax last week in a remote mail site several blocks from the Supreme Court had already

forced the closure of the main Supreme Court building.

The justices held court at a facility several blocks away while tests continued in their permanent quarters. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, referring to the dislocation, thanked employees "whose hard work made it possible to hear arguments."

A court spokeswoman, Kathy Arberg, said the latest testing detected anthrax in only one place — a portion of the basement mailroom. Tests elsewhere in the mailroom and elsewhere in the building showed no evidence of contamination.

"Based upon the positive testing in the mailroom, additional testing is being conducted today," said Arberg.

The latest positive test results followed the discovery of anthrax at the Justice Department, where officials announced Sunday night that several

locations in an offsite facility that handles its mail had tested positive for anthrax.

The department's in-house mailrooms had stopped receiving mail from a suburban Landover, Md., location several days ago as a precaution. No other Justice facility has tested positive for anthrax, department spokeswoman Susan Dryden said.

Last week, a State Department mailroom worker was diagnosed with inhalation anthrax.

Three people have died and five others have been diagnosed with inhaled anthrax. Six people have the less serious cutaneous form of the disease, which affects the skin.

On Capitol Hill, the Hart Senate Office Building remained closed Monday, but other Senate offices were open. On the House side, the Ford and Longworth office buildings were

closed against Monday.

The Hart building houses Daschle's office, where an employee opened a letter containing a highly potent form of anthrax three weeks ago. Since then, two postal employees from a Washington facility that processed the letter have died.

Deborah Willhite, a Postal Service senior vice president, said the agency was working with the Defense Department on obtaining technology that would allow it to detect bacteria in the mail. It already has signed a \$40 million contract to buy machines that can sanitize mail.

Tom Skinner, a spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, stressed that the New Jersey case was not a new instance of the disease, but one that had been listed as suspected anthrax. Lab tests confirmed the diagnosis Sunday, he said.

A second New Jersey worker, classified as a "suspected case" of inhalation anthrax based on preliminary tests, was released over the weekend from the hospital after her medical condition improved. Two other postal workers at the Hamilton, N.J., center where anthrax-tainted mail was handled, and a letter carrier in Ewing, N.J., are being treated.

Delay in pictures to be taken of Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Mars Odyssey spacecraft had to put off its first photo shoot of the Red Planet until at least Tuesday after scientists decided to slow the spacecraft's entry into the atmosphere, a mission official said Sunday.

The slowing is not the result of any problems with the unmanned probe that reached Mars and entered orbit last Tuesday, said mission manager David A. Spencer of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"We're just being conservative," he said. "We've added a couple steps to the walk-in phase and are going at it more slowly."

Scientists are trying to avoid any problems caused by friction from Odyssey's descent into the atmosphere. Too much friction could hurt the winglike 75-square-foot solar array that powers Odyssey, although a catastrophic failure is unlikely, Spencer said.

The slowing means the spacecraft will take longer to tighten its orbit of Mars and reach an optimum altitude for the photos, which had been expected Sunday.

Despite the delay, the \$297 million mission "couldn't be going better,"

Spencer said.

The probe began the process called aerobraking on Friday to tighten its orbit. It passed within 98 miles of the surface of Mars while entering the atmosphere for about seven minutes.

Odyssey took its second dip into the atmosphere on Saturday, coming within about 84 miles. Its third maneuver was scheduled for Sunday morning but results were not expected to be known until later in the day.

The "drag passes," which ultimately will bring Odyssey within about 60 miles of Mars, use atmospheric friction to shave time off the egg-shaped 18 1/2-hour orbit the probe entered after it reached the planet. Odyssey is expected to have a 2 1/2-hour circular orbit 250 miles above the planet when the aerobraking is complete in January.

Using aerobraking instead of heavy loads of propellant allowed the probe

to be cheaper and smaller.

The spacecraft is to begin photographing the planet from a site over its south pole Tuesday. Scientists hope the images will reveal information about the atmosphere and help determine whether they can measure its temperature and whether dust storms exist.

The Odyssey mission is intended to map the distribution of minerals and chemicals across the surface of Mars and provide daily Martian weather reports. It also will seek out frozen deposits of water that might help determine whether life ever existed on the Red Planet.

Two 1999 missions with similar studies failed: The Climate Orbiter flew too close to the planet because of a mix-up between English and metric units, and the Polar Lander likely plunged to the surface because of a software error.

Classifieds work!

899-2338

American Profile

Celebrating Hometown Life

See American Profile magazine in this week's issue of

The Goodland Daily News

(available in local area only)

Brought to you by
The Daily News and

"Neighbors helping neighbors"

FIRST

NATIONAL BANK

202 E. 11th St.
Goodland, Kan.
785-899-2000

FALL BLOWOUT

1995 Pontiac Grand Prix - Auto, V6, 4 dr, 78,000 miles, \$5,500
1993 Ford T-Bird - Auto, V-6, 60,000 miles, \$4,995
1998 Toyota Camry - V-6, Auto, LE, 4 dr, leather, CD, \$13,995
1993 Buick Regal - 80,000 miles, Auto, \$4,995
1994 Ford T-Bird - V-8, Auto, LX, 60,000 miles, \$5,995
1995 Ford Probe - Auto, 96,000 miles, \$3,995
1993 Mercury Tracer - 4 Dr, Auto, 94,000 miles, \$1,500
1993 Ford Escort Wagon - 37,000 miles, \$1,900
1989 Ford 1/2 Ton 4x4 - Auto, \$1,900
1982 Dodge Conversion - Nice, 64,000 miles, \$3,500

Heartland Motors

722 W. Hwy. 24 • Goodland, KS 67735
(785) 899-3887

FREE CONCERT

COMMODORES

Jazz ensemble

THE UNITED STATES NAVY BAND

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Featuring 19 top jazz and big band musicians offering a mixture of styles from the sounds of swing to contemporary music.

Monday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Max Jones Fieldhouse

The concert is free, but tickets are required. Tickets are available at The Goodland Daily News office, 1205 Main, Goodland. They are also available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Navy Band Commodores Concert, 1205 Main, Goodland, KS 67735.

Sponsors Goodland School District and

The Goodland Daily News