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News Release

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On Monday, March 21, 2016 around 2pm Deputies of the Lea County Sheriff's Office received information a wanted subject, Bryce Doporto, 26 of Lovington was at a residence east of Lovington. Deputies observed a vehicle leaving the residence with Doporto driving. Deputies followed the vehicle towards Lovington. A handgun was recovered which was reported to have been thrown from the vehicle moments prior to the start of the pursuit.

The Lovington Police Department began a pursuit of the vehicle. Doporto while attempting to avoid Law Enforcement exited the vehicle in the 200 block of West Polk Street. A perimeter was quickly set up by Lea County Sheriff's Office, Lovington Police Department and New Mexico State Police. Information was gathered Doporto was inside the house at 217 West Polk Street.

A search warrant was issued by the Lovington Magistrate Court. As Deputies of the Lea County Sheriff's Office SWAT team and a Hobbs Police Department K9 team announced their presence at the house, Doporto stepped outside the front door and surrendered without incident.

Bryce Doporto was arrested on a District Court Warrant for Failure to appear for arraignment, No bond, original charges Possession of a firearm or destructive device by a felon, attempt to commit a felony, to wit breaking and entering, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A bench warrant from Lovington Magistrate Court for failure to comply with conditions of probation, No bond, Original charge battery against a house hold member.

A Warrant for Arrest from Lovington Magistrate Court for Embezzlement of a motor vehicle, cash only bond of \$10,000.00.

Bryce Doporto was booked into the Lea County Detention Center in Lovington. The investigation is continuing and additional charges will be filed after a thorough investigation is completed.

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