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Colby held in Lincoln

County on \$100,000 bond

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No one is sure if this kind of thing has ever happened before.

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Saturday, Sept. 14, Fairbury Police Officer Stanly Colby was arrested in Lincoln County for stealing a police cruiser.

The arrest happened about six miles south of North Platte, at mile marker 68 on U.S. Highway 83 near Lone Star Road. Colby, 40 years old, was wearing his uniform at the time of the arrest.

He was first spotted about 6 p.m. near Lexington and a short time later Colby was seen in North Platte.

Lincoln County Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Kramer said he was informed at 6:40 p.m. Saturday that the North Platte Police, Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies and Nebraska State Patrol troopers were chasing the stolen cop car.

During the chase, Colby apparently avoided spike strips used in a failed attempt to stop the cruiser.

Colby was believed to have been distraught and heading to the McCook area at the time.

Colby is currently being held in the Lincoln County Jail pending the posting of a \$100,000/10-percent cash bond. He is charged with Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, a Class III Felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or \$25,000 fine and prison.

While Fairbury Police Chief Chad Sprunk is being rather silent on the subject, he did put out a press release late Saturday evening stating, "On Sept. 14, The Fairbury Police Department was made aware of an issue involving a Fairbury Police Officer and a stolen Fairbury Police Cruiser in western Nebraska. The City of Fairbury is aggressively investigating and gathering facts about the incident. At this time, there are no questions I can address until we complete our internal investigation and obtain the facts of the case. The Fairbury Police Department's #1 priority is public safety and the Citizens of Fairbury can rest assured that they will continue to get the high quality policing as they have in the past."

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Another Fairbury Police officer simply said, "Let me just head this off now. Don't ask."

Jefferson County Attorney Linda Bauer said she was not sure if Colby will be charged in Jefferson County or not yet. She said it was premature to decide if charges would be filed in the case until the investigation is completed.

Colby is a 1991 graduate of Wauneta-Palisade High School, originally from Hamlet. He is a former Chase County Sheriff's deputy, serving for a short time.