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Reference: **Media Release: Grinnell Police and Jasper County Sheriff Deputies capture home invasion suspect**

Grinnell, IA- November 7, 2022, 12:28 P.M.- Grinnell Police Department officers were dispatched to 503 Washington Ave., #1, on a report of a home invasion in progress. The reporting party advised an unknown male had kicked open her front door and entered her home. The reporting party advised she fled to a bedroom with her two small children and locked the door. Upon arriving into the area GPD officers observed a silver in color Chevy Malibu, driven by a white male, driving away from the residence. GPD officers followed and attempted to stop the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle ignored officers and eluded, beginning a high-speed pursuit going southbound on Hwy 146 and westbound I-80 Hwy, reaching speeds up to 121 mph. Jasper County Sheriff Deputies responded to the area placing stop strips on the interstate just west of the Kellogg exit. The suspect slowed and attempted to go around the stop strips. Jasper County and GPD performed two separate blocking maneuvers on the suspect vehicle, disabling the vehicle and taking the suspect into custody without injury. Iowa State Patrol responded to the scene to assist with the investigation.

Suspect was identified as Brian Owen Berry, 45, of Pella, Iowa. Investigation is ongoing but has revealed the suspect did have relatives or family that use to live in the area of the break in, but no other connection has been established.

Berry was arrested and taken to the Poweshiek County Jail where he is currently being held for bond on the following charges:

- Burglary, 2nd Degree, Class C Felony
- Eluding, Class D Felony
- Criminal Mischief, 4th Degree, Serious Misdemeanor
- Reckless Driving, and other traffic violations, Simple Misdemeanors

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.