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Saugatuck man leads police on chase

MT. PLEASANT, Mich. – On Jan. 22 at approximately 3:13 a.m., a City police officer attempted to stop a vehicle for suspicion of driving under the influence near the intersection of Broadway and Mission. The driver, Cody Bantien, a 26-year-old man from Saugatuck, failed to stop. A pursuit ensued for several miles until Bantien attempted to make an abrupt right turn and went into the ditch at the intersection of Pickard and Loomis. Bantien was taken into custody.

During the arrest a large knife was found concealed on his person. Bantien was also a parole absconder out of the Lansing Tether Unit. Field sobriety tests were conducted and it was determined Bantien had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .20 percent.

Bantien was lodged at the Isabella County Jail on charges of Operating While Intoxicated – second offense; Fleeing and Eluding; Carrying a Concealed Weapon; Driving While License Suspended – second offense; and Reckless Driving. Bantien is currently held at the Isabella County jail with a bond of \$60,000/ten percent.

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