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### **Shepherd man leads police on chase**

MT. PLEASANT, Mich. June 2, 2015 – At about 1:39 a.m. today, a City police officer attempted to stop a vehicle for suspicion of driving under the influence. The driver, Curtis Porter, a 25-year-old man from Shepherd, failed to stop. A short pursuit ensued, until the officer lost sight of the vehicle.

Within minutes, Central Dispatch received calls of an injury accident at the intersection of Pickard and Brown. It appears the driver could not navigate the curve on Brown Street and passed through a yard and crashed into a privacy wall located at Belle Tire. Debris from the wall damaged several cars in the Belle Tire parking lot. Officers arrived on scene and found the suspect vehicle from the pursuit on fire.

The suspect fled the scene on foot and was found by an officer from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department a few blocks away. Porter suffered minor injuries and refused treatment.

Porter was lodged at the Isabella County Jail on charges of Operating While Intoxicated, Fleeing and Eluding, Leaving the Scene of an Injury Accident, Reckless Driving, and Possession of Marijuana. Bond was set at \$20,000/ten percent.

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