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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A man convicted of 14 felonies including burglary, theft, criminal use of a financial card, criminal possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, and fleeing or attempting to elude an officer has been sentenced to prison. This morning District Court Judge Terry Pullman sentenced Jacob Cox, 31 of Valley Center, to 84 months in prison.

Cox committed the crimes between July and September of 2016. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, a Sedgwick County Sheriff deputy attempted to stop Cox's car in the 6300 block of N. Seneca. The resulting chase reached speeds of over 100 miles an hour on Meridian, south of Valley Center. The deputy and a Valley Center Police officer called off the chase when Cox ran the red light at 5<sup>th</sup> and Meridian and was clocked driving 71 miles an hour in a residential area.

His Chevrolet Impala was later found in some trees behind a barn on 85<sup>th</sup> Street North. Law enforcement officers suspected Cox was hiding in a nearby house and received permission from the homeowner to search the home. A patrol canine found Cox hiding in the basement.

In a previous incident, Cox was involved in a high speed chase where his car crashed into a cornfield after running over spike strips. A patrol car was damaged or disabled in both chases.

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