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(Neb.)-Fugitive Still On The Loose But Sheriff Anticipates Closure Soon



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(Chadron)-Law enforcement officials in Dawes County are still working on apprehending a man wanted on felony warrants out of Utah. Sheriff Karl Dailey said on Wednesday morning that Justin Pierce is still in the area, and they have been able to make contact with him through a mediator.

Pierce, aka Justin Beck, was residing on West Ash Creek Road in rural Dawes County. When law enforcement attempted to serve warrants for felony theft and fraud on Monday afternoon, Pierce fled, and has been on the run ever since. Dailey said they are attempting to negotiate with Pierce through the mediator, so that Pierce will turn himself in to officials. According to Dailey, Pierce does have military training, which played a part in his ability to remain out in the elements for an extended period of time without being apprehended.

Pierce is not a threat to any area residents, and Dailey said if he were, they would have called in a lot more resources to help in his capture. Dailey said most of the property that Pierce stole has been recovered, and as of this point, officials just want Pierce to turn himself in. More than likely, he will need medical attention, and Dailey fears Pierce may have suffered some frost bite after being out in the wilderness for two nights with freezing temperatures.

Dailey is confident this will end soon, and wants to reassure people in the area there is absolutely no threat from Pierce.

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