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(S.D.)-Chase Ended When Police Discover Small Child On Driver's Lap



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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - Officials say Rapid City police officers ended a slow-speed pursuit of a stolen car in the western South Dakota city when they realized the fleeing driver had a small child on her lap.

Rapid City Police Department spokeswoman Tarah Heupel says that the car was allegedly taken from the Rapid City Public Library on Thursday by a woman who was left in the car while her friend visited the library.

An officer spotted the car, but the driver refused to pull over, leading to a brief chase at speeds between 40 mph and 45 mph.

When the car ran a red light, the officer ended the chase after spotting the unrestrained child.

Officers say they have identified the suspect, and the investigation is ongoing.

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