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Vehicle pursuit **IA #: VP2026-00008** **Received: Jan 29, 2026 22:58**

Report or CAD #: SO26-000886

Involved citizen:

[redacted]

Role: Suspect

Charges against citizen in relation to the incident:

DUI/DUID
Careless Driving
Driving Under Restraint
Eluding
Criminal Mischief

Employees involved:

Emp-Line FTE Gannon Brown [20101]

Employee current info:

Organization: SHR Sheriff
Division: SHR Operations
Section: Patrol Red

Snapshot - employee information at time of incident:

County Employee Number: 66915
Role: Primary Officer
Body worn camera: Yes
Organization: SHR Sheriff
Division: SHR Operations
Section: Patrol Red
Unit / Platoon: Red Mids
Team / Squad: Red Mids TL1
Rank/title: Emp-Line FTE
Age: 0 Years of employment: 0 Years with unit: 0
Off duty: No Off duty employed: No

Policy outcome: Within policy - but secondary policy shortfall

Allegations:

Conduct Toward the Public
Feb 25, 2026 - Improper Conduct

Actions taken:

Feb 26, 2026 - Written Reprimand Days/hrs suspended/assessed: 0

Comment:
Deputy Brown will receive a letter of discipline, additional training, a class on emotional control and was also personally debriefed on the situation

Summary:

SUMMARY
Deputy Brown observed a vehicle speeding 28 miles per hour over the posted speed limit (78 in a posted 50) on East Eisenhower Blvd. When he caught up to the vehicle to effect a traffic stop, it immediately accelerated at to speeds over 100 miles per hour, and Deputy Brown gave chase.

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The pursuit continued a short distance at high speeds (up to 130 mph) until the suspect crashed into the Johnstown Plaza tower at Thompson PKWY while attempting to make a southbound turn. Deputy Brown did not slow enough to make the turn and ended up running into the back end of the suspect vehicle, coming to rest in the tower. The suspect was found to be the sole occupant, was highly intoxicated, but uninjured.

CONDITIONS
There was very little traffic in the area due to the time of night. Road conditions were dry and clear.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT
Johnstown PD took the accident report.

ANALYSIS

The initial contact and pursuit were justified and within policy. Speeds were high, but traffic conditions and the area was well lit with a wide road. When the suspect (along with Deputy Brown) attempted to turn onto Thompson Pkwy, they had only slowed to about 70 mph at the start of the turn. At that speed, both vehicle went over the median, damaging tires, making any turn incapable. Deputy Brown was braking hard after he realized he was too fast, but still struck the suspect car at speeds likely over 40 mph. Both vehicles are likely totaled along with the stone sign structure.

Deputy Brown was quick to exit his vehicle and take the suspect into custody, but he did so with excessive verbal commands.

AREAS OF SUCCESS

Prior to the crash, the communication over the radio was clear and concise.

AREAS OF CONCERN/IMPROVEMENT

Deputy Brown advised that he believed he could make the turn (entering at 70 mph) and that it was partially due to the lighting (the area is very well lit by streetlights.) Deputy Browns path of travel only a couple feed inside of the turning radius (almost a straight line) as the suspects. The reported lack of awareness of the median in a very popular and well traveled intersection, along with the attempt to make a high speed right hand turn show a lack of good decision making, and likely that Deputy Brown was too focused on keeping up with the suspect vehicle as to understand his surroundings and the capabilities of his driving skill and vehicle type.

FINDINGS

The Pursuit was in policy, however the driving actions were not in line with the driving policy, (I.E. driving with due regard.)

ACTIONS TAKEN

A disciplinary letter will be written.

Investigative tasks:

Due dt	Done dt	Type
Mar 05, 2026		Link dashcam video
Assigned To: -		
Automatically Generated		
Mar 12, 2026		Investigative report due
Assigned To: -		
Automatically Generated		
Mar 05, 2026		Review case reports
Assigned To: -		
Automatically Generated		
Mar 05, 2026		Upload pursuit audio recording
Assigned To: -		
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Mar 05, 2026 Link pertinent BWC video

Assigned To: -

Automatically Generated

Mar 05, 2026 Upload map of pursuit route

Assigned To: -

Automatically Generated

When/where:

Date/time occurred: Jan 29, 2026 22:57

Incident location: E Hwy 34 Loveland CO 80537 Precinct: Area 3
County: Area 3

Linked files:

Body Cams:
Brown BWC ()

Photos:
unnamed (jpg)
unnamed (jpg)
DSCF7430 (jpg)
DSCF7434 (jpg)
Pursuit Map (pdf)

Radio Traffic, CAD Notes:
Dispatch (wav)

Status/assignment information:

Status: Completed

Opened: Assigned: Due: 02/28/2026 Completed: 02/25/2026

Disposition: Alt Improper Conduct

Investigative unit assigned:
Handled at field/unit level: No
Investigator assign: Un-assigned
Supervisor assign: -
Source of information:

Organizational component(s):

Organization: SHR Sheriff
Division: SHR Operations
Section: Patrol Red
Unit / Platoon: Red Mids
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Vehicle pursuit specific:

Reason initiated	Time of day	Duration (minutes)

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Failure to Yield	1801 - 2400	2
Initial violation	Weather condition	Max speed (mph)
Traffic Violation	Clear	130

Pursuit distance	Type of vehicle pursued	Aerial vehicle avail/ used	
1 to 2 miles	Automobile	No	No

Beginning location	Ending location
3500 East Eisenhower Blvd, Loveland	4800 Thompson Pkwy, Johnstown

In car camera available	In car camera used	Video ID number
No	No	

Agency initiating pursuit	Agency initiating pursuit
LCSO	LCSO

Event that concluded pursuit	Driving under influence factors
Suspect vehicle crashed	Alcohol and drugs

Pursuit aborted	Pursuit aborted by
No	

A stop device was used	Type of stop device used
No	No

DUI arrest	Liability claim filed	Pursuit justified	Pursuit within policy
Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Accident occurred: Yes

Property damage	Parties injured
Suspect and patrol vehicles	

Damage amounts:Yes

Suspect vehicle	Police vehicle	Parked vehicle	Property	Other
10000.00	40000.00		20000.00	

Offender sex	Offender age	Offender race
Male	21	White

BlueTeam chain routings

Feb 08, 2026 04:52: Sent from Sergeant / Manager Jeremy D Coleman [5027] to Fast, Joshua T Lieutenant / Director [6022]

Instructions:

For your review.

Reviewed by Lieutenant / Director Joshua T Fast [6022] on Feb 25, 2026 at 12:56

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Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

After review of all BWC and documentation, this pursuit is approved and justified. Deputy Brown observed this vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle fled at a high rate of speed of over 130 mph when all emergency notification equipment was being properly utilized. The pursuit was short in nature and ended when the suspect failed to navigate a turn and drove into a large stone pillar. There were no injuries to anyone and the suspect was safely taken into custody highly intoxicated. Pursuit is approved

During the review of this incident, Deputy Brown also failed to navigate the same turn by traveling too fast and went into the rear of the suspect vehicle with his own vehicle. After review of this incident with Undersheriff Shellhammer, Deputy Brown will receive a letter of discipline, additional training, a class on emotional control and was also personally debriefed on the situation. His emotions were not professional, not acceptable at the end of this pursuit and it is not a positive light on the organization. The totality of the secondary policy violations will be addressed by the above.

Entered via BlueTeam by: Sergeant / Manager Jeremy D Coleman [5027] on Jan 30, 2026 at 04:45

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