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The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was involved in a vehicle pursuit reaching speeds of 100 MPH on Friday evening. The incident started at around 11:50 PM when a citizen complaint was called into the Wadena County Sheriff's Office for a vehicle exhibiting poor driving behavior. A deputy located the vehicle a short time later and after attempting to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle, it fled from the deputy at high rates of speed for nearly 9 miles. One of the vehicle's tires was safely disabled by a MN State Trooper after deploying Stop Sticks and the vehicle came to a stop a short time later. The driver, 26 year old Jennifer Hodgden of rural Menahga, was taken into custody without further incident. A 7 year old child was later found to be in the vehicle with Hodgden and was taken to a family member's residence unharmed. Hodgden is currently in the Wadena County Jail being held on suspicion of Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle and DWI Test Refusal. Nobody was injured and no other property was damaged during the pursuit. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was also assisted by the Wadena and Verndale Police Departments.