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On 02/14/24, around 0618 hours, the Valley City Police Department were called to a suspicious vehicle by Loves Truck Stop. The vehicle was parked in the employee parking spots and the occupants were acting suspiciously, entering the store numerous times and leaving shortly after entering. Officers contacted the vehicle and spoke with the occupants. While speaking with the individuals the driver fled over the curb and grass and onto Interstate 94 heading eastbound from mm 292. A pursuit of the vehicle was initiated as the vehicle came back as stolen. North Dakota Highway Patrol and Cass County Sherriff Office were notified and assisted in the pursuit. Tire deflation devices were deployed by the North Dakota Highway Patrol at mm 333, which were successful. The vehicle stopped on I-94 mm 336 and a felony traffic stop was initiated. The occupants and driver of the vehicle were detained without incident.

Driver, Christopher Wilkie, DOB 12/26/94, was arrested for driving while license suspended, fleeing in a motor vehicle, possession of stolen vehicle, reckless endangerment, false information to law enforcement officer, and multiple warrants. One of the passengers Justice Erickson, DOB 12/03/96, was arrested on outstanding warrant.

The investigation is ongoing with other charges pending. Anyone with information on this incident please contact the Valley City Police Department.

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