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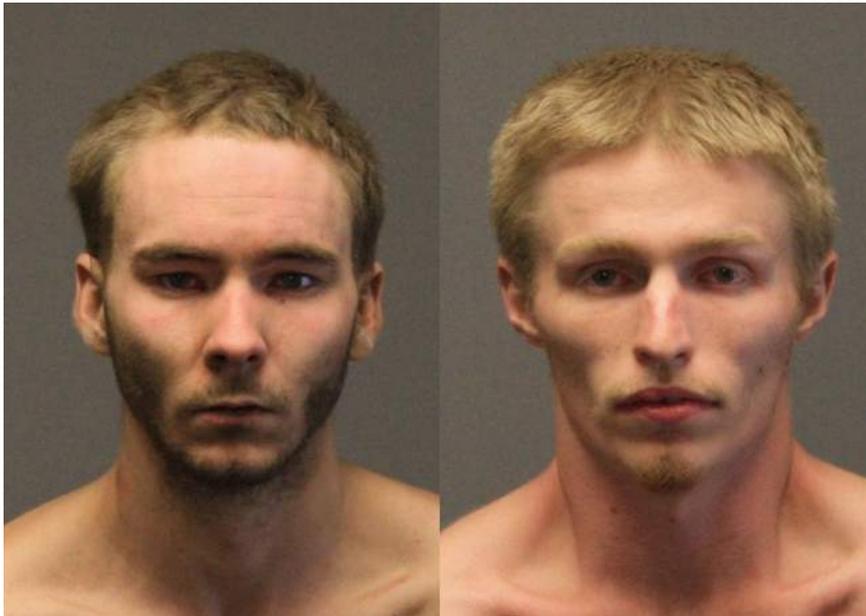
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Held pending bond Wednesday in the Nodaway County jail were Brett Matthew Lambertsen, 23, and Robert Earl Bevell, 21, both of Kansas City.

Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White said his office became involved in the pursuit after receiving a phone call regarding two stolen four-wheeled all-terrain vehicles from authorities in Holt County.

White said deputies there believed the suspects had crossed the county line and were somewhere near Skidmore.

A subsequent report placed the location of the men west of Skidmore near the intersection of Route DD and Burr Oak Drive.

White said the suspects slipped past a growing ring of officers but wrecked one of the four-wheelers while fleeing near Route EE and Highway 46 in Atchison County.

The two men were reportedly riding double on the remaining ATV before it also was wrecked east of Skidmore about a mile south of the intersection of Route V and Fortune Road.

At that point, White said, Bevell was subdued by a group of farmers working in a nearby field as the suspects attempted to steal a silver-colored Dodge pickup truck. He was handed over to authorities a short time later.

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Lambertsen managed to escape in the truck, White said, but by that time authorities were in close pursuit and following his movements with an airplane dispatched by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The chase continued south into Andrew County, mostly on blacktop and gravel roads, with the suspect's vehicle at times reaching speeds of around 100 mph, White said.

Cutting in front of the chase, Andrew County deputies were able to deploy strips of sharpened spikes, which deflated at least one of the pickup's tires just north of Savannah.

Nevertheless, Lambertsen was able to drive the vehicle southbound into town before he was finally stopped by authorities at Ninth Street and Business 71 and arrested without incident.

White said a substance believed to be methamphetamine was recovered from the truck after Lambertsen's arrest.

Agencies involved in the pursuit and arrests included the Highway Patrol; officers from Holt, Nodaway, Atchison and Andrew counties; and city of Savannah police.