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On Saturday, June 25, 2016, Seward County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a home invasion and assault that occurred in rural Seward County. Sergeant Corder made contact with the victim at a neighbor's residence at approximately 6:00 in the morning. The victim, a 77 year old female, reported a white male forced his way into her residence between Goehner and Utica, Nebraska at approximately 10:30 on Friday evening. The man then physically and sexually assaulted her. The victim was shut into a bathroom of the residence while the suspect ransacked the residence for several hours before leaving the scene in the victim's vehicle.

Sgt. Corder located another vehicle near the victim's residence that is presumed to have been driven by the suspect. It was later reported stolen out of Lincoln, NE. During the investigation it was discovered that the victim's vehicle was equipped with OnStar and had an active subscription. Through coordination with OnStar, it was discovered that the vehicle was in Lincoln, NE. Sgt. Corder then coordinated with the Lincoln Police Department who was able to locate the vehicle near 9th and Court Streets.

Lincoln Police Department located a man near the victim's vehicle that matched the physical description given by the victim. Officers made contact with the man and he admitted to have driven the stolen vehicle. The man was identified as Chad Drewes of Lincoln, NE. Mr. Drewes had several items on his person that connected him to the victim's vehicle and residence. He was detained by Lincoln Police until he was retrieved by Seward County Sheriff's Deputies and taken into their custody.

Mr. Drewes has been charged with allegations of First Degree Sexual Assault, Burglary, False Imprisonment, Strangulation, First Degree Assault, Criminal Mischief, and Unauthorized Use of a Propelled Motor Vehicle with other charges pending. The Lincoln Police Department is seeking warrants as well for offenses that occurred in their area.