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A 28 year-old Fond du Lac man is being held in the Fond du Lac County Jail following a short pursuit Tuesday evening. Anthony Vera led police on a chase that began on Prospect Avenue in North Fond du Lac and ended at an apartment complex on Peters Avenue in Fond du Lac. Speeds reached approximately 45 mph, and according to police, Vera ran a red light on Peters Avenue at Scott Street.

North Fond du Lac police attempted to stop Vera around 6:39 pm, after receiving a report that he had been involved in an incident of "road rage" earlier in the evening. According to the complaint, a motorist reported that he was being tailgated by a black Ford Explorer while driving on Peters Avenue near Johnson Street. The complainant told police that when he stopped at the intersection, the driver of the Explorer pulled alongside his vehicle, rolled down his window and yelled, "Get used to it {deleted expletive}; this is Fond du Lac." As they continued travelling north on Prospect Avenue, the driver of the Explorer attempted to force the other man over the center line by steering his vehicle toward him. The complainant told police that the man then turned into the Gaslight Terrace Mobile Home Community. The victim was able to provide police with a license number for the vehicle.

As officers checked the area for the suspect, the vehicle was observed exiting Gaslight Terrace onto Prospect Avenue. When the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver increased his speed and drove southbound into the city of Fond du Lac. According to police, the man slowed only slightly as he continued through a red light at Peters Avenue and Scott Street. The vehicle turned into the parking lot of an apartment complex on Peters Avenue and stopped. A Fond du Lac Police Department officer arrived to provide back-up assistance at that time.

The officers attempted to detain the man in his vehicle at that point. However, Vera exited his vehicle and began approaching the officers. Vera ignored repeated orders to stop and raise his hands. The Fond du Lac officer was forced to use his TASER non-lethal device on Vera. The officers again tried to take Vera into custody, but he continued to resist them. The TASER device was used a second time and the officers were then able to take Vera into custody. No one was injured during the incident.

Vera was arrested and held in the jail for Fleeing an Officer. He was also cited for Operating While Intoxicated - 4th offense, Operating after Revocation - 4th offense, and Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle.