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Coby Frier, 38, of rural Imperial remains in the Chase County Jail after his arrest last week on a pair of felony charges and a misdemeanor.

According to a report from the Chase County Sheriff's Office, Frier allegedly entered the home of his wife, Makooshla, on Aug. 8, taking her from the home west of Imperial, allegedly at gunpoint. She had recently acquired a protection order against her husband.

Sheriff Kevin Mueller said his office was alerted of the incident last Wednesday about 10:15 p.m. by 911 calls from children inside the home, who reported their mother had been taken from the home.

Mueller said when he and other officers arrived on the scene, Makooshla was back in the home, but her husband remained at-large, armed with a shotgun.

Mueller contacted Frier on his cell phone, negotiating with him off and on for more than an hour, urging him to surrender and exit the cornfield in which he was hiding.

Frier eventually came out and surrendered, Mueller said. He was arrested without incident and taken into custody.

He was charged with two felonies—making terroristic threats and use of a firearm to commit a felony. A third misdemeanor charge was added—violation of a protection order.

Sheriff Mueller indicated there may be other charges after County Attorney Arlan Wine reviews the incident reports.

In addition to Mueller, two sheriff's deputies, four Imperial police officers and three State Patrolmen were on scene during the incident. A Nebraska State Patrol plane equipped with a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) camera also assisted in the search.

Frier is being held without bond. He will be before the judge on Wednesday, Aug. 22.