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An alleged robbery of Ayr Lanes Thursday evening resulted in surrounding counties becoming involved in the search for four suspects in a black Ford pickup. The suspects were ultimately located in Hugoton by Stevens County authorities.

“On Thursday, Jan. 14, at about 8:44 p.m., officers were dispatched to Ayr Lanes at 2050 North Kansas for a report of a theft in progress,” Liberal Police Capt. Patrick McClurg noted in a press release issued Friday. “Responding officers were informed that the suspects were running from the business.

“Witnesses told officers that four men had stolen money from the register and fled the business in a black Ford pickup,” the release continued. “Investigating officers aired a description of the suspects and the vehicle to surrounding law enforcement agencies.”

Due to the diligence of authorities in surrounding counties, the suspects were located and ultimately arrested.

“At about 10:28 p.m., authorities in Stevens County located the vehicle in Hugoton and attempted to stop the pickup,” the release noted. “The vehicle stopped and four men fled from the officers on foot. Authorities in Stevens County were able to locate the men at their hotel room in Hugoton.”

The suspects were brought back to Liberal and arrested for the alleged robbery.

## **Thieves rob Ayr Lanes, 4 nabbed in Hugoton after fleeing scene**

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“Investigators from Liberal interviewed the four men and brought them back to Liberal,” the release noted. “Investigators arrested the men and charged them with robbery, theft and conspiracy. An affidavit will be forwarded to the Seward County Attorney for filing formal charges.”