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Subject: [OT News] Anakin Skywalker arrested for driving offences

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It looks like naughty little Ani was practicing his pod racing on public roads. Or just another Hollyweird ex-child star goes bad / nutso. From today's New Zealand Herald newspaper (23 June, 2015) ...

The force catches up with Anakin as an adult

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A former child actor who starred in one of the Star Wars movie sequels [sic] faces charges after leading South Carolina deputies on a high-speed chase.

Colleton County Sheriff's deputies last week arrested a 26-year-old man they confirmed through a former talent agent was Jake Lloyd, who played a young Anakin Skywalker in the 1999 movie 'Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace', Sergeant Kyle Strickland said yesterday.

The man gave his name as Jake Broadbent, Sergeant Strickland said. But the man's birthdate matched the actor's listed by movie database IMDB.com and his hometown of Fort Collins, Colorado.

The man was charged with failing to stop for officers and reckless driving after hitting speeds in excess of 160km/h, Sergeant Strickland said.

Deputies in coastal Charleston County initially tried to stop the fleeing vehicle on Wednesday afternoon, local time, but stopped the chase after the man drove into neighbouring Colleton County. The chase lasted for more than 40km before Lloyd drove off Interstate 95, ploughed through a fence, and continued speeding along a parallel frontage road, authorities said. The road ended at a dead end, but the vehicle kept going into a wooded area before it hit several small trees and stopped.

The man had not posted bond and remained in jail yesterday, Sergeant Strickland said.

Lloyd said in a 2012 interview that the role he performed when he was 10 years old had made his youth hellish because he was bullied by other children.

His last acting credit was in 2005, according to IMDB.com.

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