

Shoplifting Suspicion Leads To Stolen Vehicle

(KAIR)--A report of suspected shoplifting at an Atchison business draws police response, and, while there, officers discover a stolen vehicle in the parking lot, believed to have been driven by the suspects. "For whatever reason, all of those that had arrived in that car had left the store on foot and then left the stolen car behind," Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson tells MSC News.

The investigation began around 6:30 Monday evening, in the 600 Block of South 10th Street, at the Orscheln Farm and Home Store, and ended with one arrest. "They subsequently located a 31-year-old Saint Joseph woman who was taken into custody for possession of a stolen vehicle. We first spotted her behind a retaining wall, in the area of U.S. 73 and Spring, and then she was found to have methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and other drugs on her person."

Taken into custody on the related charges was Christina Pritchett.

Wilson says another woman was also located, but was not arrested. It's also believed two men may have been traveling in the stolen vehicle as well, but that remains under investigation.

The vehicle had been reported stolen in Andrew County, Missouri in March.

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