

**Alleged Armed Robberies Land Man in Jail**

**The armed robbery of two Atchison businesses leads to a search of the city, and ultimately to a Topeka man who authorities say tried to flee on foot into a wooded area.**

**Police Chief Mike Wilson tells MSC News the alleged crimes occurred early Wednesday afternoon, about an hour apart.**

**“A person walked into the Verizon store in the 100 block of South 8th where there were several employees inside,” Wilson said. “He produced a gun, made a threat and demanded money.”**

**Wilson said he fled the store without any money and police were called immediately.**

**“We began looking shortly before 2 when we were called to the Subway restaurant located at 5th and U.S. 59,” Wilson added. “There an aggravated robbery had also occurred.”**

**Wilson says the suspect, now identified as 32-year-old Joshua Jones, fled from the restaurant behind the wheel of a vehicle, with police in pursuit.**

**“The vehicle went into the Branchton area where it went down a driveway of a residence where the suspect bailed out of the vehicle and ran into the wooded area,” Wilson said.**

**Police were then notified by a neighbor in the 1000 block of Price Blvd. of some evidence that was found in his residence.**

**“That led our attention to a near by residence where officers made entry,” Wilson said.**

**Wilson says Jones was found inside.**

**The vehicle he had used for his attempted getaway had been**

**stolen earlier in the week from a Topeka car dealership.**

**The search was assisted by the Atchison County Sheriff's Department and the Kansas Highway Patrol.**

**Jones was booked into the Atchison County Jail on charges related to his alleged crimes.**

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