

Pursuit suspect nearly hits officer, ends up jailed

(KAIR)--An officer escapes injury after an Atchison man allegedly flees from the scene of a weekend traffic stop.

Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson tells MSC News 27-year-old George Fulsom, Jr. initially stopped for the officer, but then chose to speed away from the scene. "About 12:30 Sunday morning, we had an officer on patrol stop a vehicle in the 1400 block of South 7th on a traffic violation. The vehicle did stop, but once the officer had approached the vehicle, in fact a second officer had backed him, and was near the car also, when all of a sudden the driver of the vehicle put it in gear and sped off, nearly hitting the officer that was outside his vehicle."

Wilson says the officer gave pursuit, leading to the arrest of Fulsom. "There was about a three-block pursuit, at which point, the suspect driver reached a dead end street. He then jumped out of the vehicle and ran on foot, and there was about a three-block foot pursuit. He was apprehended and taken into custody by the officer."

Fulsom faces charges including aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer, fleeing and attempting to elude, driving while suspended, obstructing legal process, and reckless driving.

Following his arrest, Fulsom was booked into the Atchison County Jail.

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