

Flight from the law leaves man jailed

(KAIR)--An Atchison man is facing numerous charges, including child endangerment, following what authorities say was his attempt to flee after an alleged New Years Day domestic incident..

According to Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, 31-year-old Ryan Billings is accused of striking a 28-year-old woman at 1123 Mound Street.

The victim, apparently attempting to elude Billings after the attack, reported the crime to a Deputy in the 1000 block of Mound Street around Noon Monday. "The female was walking on the street, and that's when the Deputy pulled up, and saw the vehicle driving behind..he assumed that's what was going on, some type of domestic dispute of some sort."

When Billings was told to exit the SUV to be arrested, Laurie says Billings refused, instead speeding away behind the wheel of the SUV, accompanied by a young child who was not properly restrained.

Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson tells MSC News as his officers arrived to assist the Deputy, the SUV nearly collided with one of the police patrol cars. "As officers attempted to stop the vehicle, it feld south on tenth. Officers did not attempt to continue pursuit of the vehicle, because it was believed that Billings' small child was in the vehicle."

It wasn't long after police had given up the pursuit that Billings was located, having crashed his SUV. "About 30-minutes later, officers responded to an accident at 17th and Commercial. The same SUV driven by Biilings had struck two parked vehicles."

Billings, and the three-year-old child, were not injured in the crash.

Billings now faces charges including aggravated endangering a child, child not in passenger safety system, fleeing and attempting to elude, reckless driving, domestic battery and interference with law enforcement.

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

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