

Wreck, Arson, Stolen Vehicles, Investigated

**(KAIR)--A vehicle is found wrecked and on fire in Atchison County, with the resulting investigation leading to allegations of arson, and to the discovery of a residential burglary and stolen vehicles.**

**Sheriff Jack Laurie told MSC News the abandoned vehicle was discovered on Bourbon Road, north of 262nd Road around 9:00 Saturday night.**

**The vehicle, which had left the roadway and smashed through a barbed-wire fence and a field embankment, had been stolen from Overland Park.**

**The Effingham Fire Department was called in to extinguish the blaze, which Laurie said is believed to have been intentionally set. "We did recover a gas can," Laurie said. "We had the State Fire Marshal come in and take a look, and we do believe it was set and not the result of an accident."**

**Laurie says the gas tank was allegedly found in a separate vehicle driven by 28-year-old Overland Park resident Elizabeth Spiess.**

**She was arrested late Sunday morning after she drew attention to herself while fixing a tire in the Effingham area. Laurie said an eyewitness said Spiess appeared to have been in a fire.**

**Atchison Police later spotted her vehicle, and made a stop, with the investigation tying Spiess to her alleged role in the wreck and fire.**

**According to Laurie, Deputies were able to learn from Spiess that a Bourbon Road residence, not far from the wrecked vehicle was found, had been burglarized. Stolen were car keys which allowed the suspects to drive away in a vehicle that had been parked at the home.**

**Laurie says it was later recovered in Falls City, Nebraska, where another suspect was also taken into custody, driving a separate vehicle, but who is allegedly tied to the vehicle thefts and to the wreck. The suspect's name isn't immediately available.**

**The investigation continues, and more arrests are expected.**

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