

Armed Atchison burglar arrested Wednesday

(KAIR)--An all day investigation Wednesday led to the early evening arrest of an Atchison man, blamed for the early Wednesday morning [armed robbery](#) of an Atchison apartment complex management office.

Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, in a Wednesday evening release, said investigators, by late afternoon, had identified 39-year-old Gale Hewitt as the suspect.

Hewitt was spotted behind the wheel of a Chrysler PT Cruiser, in the area of 6th and M Streets, shortly before 5:00 in the evening. Getting out of the vehicle, police saw he was holding a handgun as he ran into a wooded area.

Atchison Police were joined at that location by Atchison County Sheriff's Deputies and Kansas Highway Patrol Troopers, with a perimeter secured. About eighteen minutes later, Hewitt was in custody, arrested north of the wooded area, just south of Harper Drive, in the 500 block, through the assistance of a KHP K-9.

Following his arrest, Hewitt was transported for hospital treatment of minor injuries, and later transferred to the Atchison County Jail.

Hewitt faces charges for burglary, aggravated assault, theft, theft of a firearm, criminal damage to property, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, criminal possession of a firearm by a felon, and felony interference with law enforcement.

Hewitt is accused of the burglary of the office at Atchison's Massasoit Apartments, in the 200 block of North 3rd Street, allegedly pointing a handgun at an apartment employee who walked-in on the 4 a.m. burglary in progress.

The employee escaped safely and called police, with Hewitt accused of stealing cash and a handgun, prior to going to the home of a residence in the 200 block of North 4th Street, around 90 minutes after the office burglary. Wilson said Hewitt, at the residence, confronted the occupant, displaying a gun during a conversation that ended with no one hurt, and nothing stolen.

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