

Truck stolen by crashing through fence

(KAIR)--An Olathe, Kansas man is jailed in Atchison County, accused of stealing a pickup truck early Thursday morning by crashing through the fence of the Effingham City Shop.

Arrested several hours after the theft, following a search, was 23-year-old Michael Anthony Wright II. He's accused of burglary, theft of a motor vehicle, and criminal damage to property.

Credit: Atchison Co Sheriff's Office

According to a release from Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, Sheriff's Deputies went to the Effingham City Shop, shortly before 2:00 Thursday morning, after receiving a report of a burglary in progress, with the report stating "that someone had stolen a pickup from inside the fenced area and had driven through the fence to exit the property."

The truck, identified as a 1999 Ford F250 owned by an Easton resident, was located by Atchison Police Officers near the Shannon Industrial Park, located on U.S. Highway 73, with the vehicle stopped by Police.

Although the driver, now identified as Wright, pulled over near Osage Road, he ran from the vehicle, headed south on foot, leading to a search utilizing the Sheriff's K-9 Unit.

Despite the initial search proving unsuccessful, it was around 6:00 Thursday morning that the suspect was located at a convenience store at 1173 U.S. Highway 59, where he was taken into custody.

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