

Atchison crimes lead to weekend arrests

(KAIR)--An active weekend for Atchison Police, with arrests made in connection with several crimes, ranging from robbery and theft to fleeing and eluding and an injury-inducing domestic incident.

Taken into custody Sunday in connection with the latter crime was 31-year-old Jeffery Schmelzle, who was arrested on charges including aggravated domestic battery, domestic battery, interference with law enforcement, and criminal restraint.

According to a release from Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, police, shortly after 10:00 Saturday night, were called to the 1300 block of Locust Drive, the site of an earlier alleged altercation that police say left a 34-year-old woman injured. According to Wilson, she was examined at the scene by Atchison County EMS, but was not transported for further hospital treatment.

Schmelzle, Wilson says, had fled the scene by the time police arrived, but was spotted by police around 8:30 Sunday morning, when they returned to the area of Locust Drive. On foot, Schmelzle allegedly attempted to elude the police officers, but was taken into custody in the 1300 block of Hickory Street.

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

According to jail records, he is a resident of Effingham.

On Saturday, an unrelated, alleged attempt to flee from police sent a Bendena man to jail.

According to Wilson, a patrol officer, around 11:00 Saturday night, spotted Christopher Crane behind the wheel of a vehicle traveling near 6th and Park Streets. Aware that the 38-year-old Crane was wanted on outstanding warrants, the officer attempted to stop him, but Crane allegedly fled for a short distance, stopped the vehicle, and fled on foot.

Wilson says a foot pursuit followed, with the officer apprehending Crane in the 400 block of South 5th Street.

Once in custody on charges including fleeing and attempting to elude, interference with law enforcement, a District Court warrant for failure to appear in court, and a Community Corrections detain order, Crane was booked into the Atchison County Jail.

On Friday, an 18-year-old Atchison woman was arrested on Atchison County District Court warrants charging her for recent crimes, including robbery and taking a vehicle without permission.

According to Wilson, one warrant charged Raven Haley with criminal deprivation of a vehicle, dating back to the early morning hours of March 11. That- when a 17-year-old reported the theft of a 2002 Lincoln LS sedan from the 500 block of U.S. Highway 73.

Around 10 minutes after the report was made, police located the vehicle at 8th and Riley Streets.

The second warrant for Haley involved the charges of robbery, domestic battery, and theft.

Wilson, in the release, explains that the charges stemmed from a police investigation into

an afternoon disturbance on March 2 that occurred in the 100 block of South 2nd Street.

According to Wilson, police learned that during the disturbance between two family members, including Haley, a 55-year-old woman was grabbed and her purse taken, leading to Haley- charges. Once in custody Friday, Haley was booked into the Atchison County Jail. Her bond is set at \$30,000.

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