

Botched scooter escape sends Atchison man to jail

(KAIR)--An Atchison man flees from police while riding a scooter, escaping on foot following a crash, then entered an occupied home, pushed residents, and attempted to hide outside another home, where he was found.

That's the allegation made in a release from Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, who says 31-year-old Christopher Edwards was arrested Tuesday for fleeing and attempting to elude and other traffic charges, interference with law enforcement, battery, criminal trespass, and criminal possession of a firearm.

According to Wilson, the case began shortly after 11:00 Tuesday morning when "an officer attempted to stop a Suzuki motor scooter in the area of 17th and Kansas Avenue, with the scooter instead fleeing for several blocks where the scooter crashed and the driver fled on foot."

Police, Wilson says, pursued Edwards on foot, with Edwards allegedly entering, through the front door, an occupied residence in the 1400 block of Atchison Street, where Wilson says Edwards "pushed several residents out of his way as he fled out the rear door."

Edwards was located hiding under a porch in the 1400 block of Santa Fe, where he was arrested.

According to Wilson, a handgun was found on the scooter, despite Edward's criminal history barring him from possessing one.

After Edwards was in custody, he was taken to Amberwell Atchison for examination of the minor injuries he incurred when the scooter crashed.

After he was treated and released from the hospital, Edwards was booked into the Atchison County Jail.

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