



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Media Release

Incident: FEDERAL WARRANT ARREST, HINDERING PROSECUTION
Location: 3501 E NEW HAVEN ROAD, COLUMBIA, MO 65201
Date & time: 12-23-08 AT 8:21PM
Case Number: 2008-7050, 2008-7051

Details;

ON 12-23-08, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:21PM, THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S PRO-ACTIVE PATROL UNIT ATTEMPTED TO SERVE A FEDERAL ARREST WARRANT AT A RESIDENCE IN THE WOODSTOCK ESTATES MOBILE HOME PARK, LOCATED AT 3501 EAST NEW HAVEN ROAD. RODNEY L. HUGHES, A 45-YEAR-OLD RESIDENT OF COLUMBIA, WAS WANTED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) IN RELATION TO A NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION IN KANSAS CITY.

AT THE SUSPECT'S RESIDENCE, DEPUTIES MADE CONTACT WITH HUGHES' WIFE, 42-YEAR-OLD PAULA HUGHES. SHE REFUSED A SEARCH OF THE HOME. PAULA HUGHES DENIED RODNEY WAS INSIDE AND ALLEGED HE WAS CURRENTLY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ON WORK-RELATED BUSINESS.

SHORTLY AFTER DEPUTIES LEFT THE RESIDENCE, A VEHICLE REGISTERED TO THE HUGHES' WAS OBSERVED LEAVING THE MOBILE HOME PARK AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. THE VEHICLE WAS TRAFFIC STOPPED NEARBY.

RODNEY HUGHES WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE VEHICLE'S DRIVER AND WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WITHOUT INCIDENT. PAULA HUGHES WAS IDENTIFIED AS A PASSENGER IN THE VEHICLE AND WAS ALSO TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

RODNEY HUGHES IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD AT THE BOONE COUNTY JAIL FOR THE FEDERAL WARRANT. THE FEDERAL WARRANT DOES NOT HAVE A BOND. IN ADDITION, HE ALSO HAS A BOONE COUNTY WARRANT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR. BOND FOR THE BOONE COUNTY WARRANT WAS SET AT \$500.00.

PAULA HUGHES WAS ARRESTED FOR HINDERING PROSECUTION (A FELONY),
AND LATER POSTED A BOND OF \$4500.00.

All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Release date & time: 12-24-2008 at 6:25am
Release authorized by: Deputy Scott Skinner