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Media Release ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON

Incident: Assault with a weapon
Location: 7400 Block of Moberly Drive
Date & time: 04-25-2009 at 6:54 P.M.
Case Number: 09-2516, 09-2517

Details:

On 04-25-2009 at 6:54 P.M. Boone County Sheriff's Department Deputies responded to the 7400 block of Moberly Drive regarding a disturbance with a weapon complaint. Upon arrival, Deputies discovered this incident involved people who were acquaintances with each other.

Deputies learned that people arrived at a residence in the 7400 block of Moberly Drive to visit individuals there. Outside the residence, Ronald Gaston a 69-year-old male from Columbia, confronted the visitors and told them to leave. Mr. Gaston produced a fixed blade, fillet-style knife and began to wave it at the individuals.

Mr. Gaston approached a specific individual and attempted to stab him with the knife. Mr. Gaston was waving the knife in close proximity to two children who were in the area. No one was injured during this incident.

Based on this incident, Mr. Gaston was arrested for the charges of 2 counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child 2nd Degree with bond set at \$500.00 for each count, Assault 2nd Degree with bond set at \$4,500.00, Unlawful Use of a Weapon with bond set at \$4,500.00, and Armed Criminal Action. Armed Criminal Action is a to-be-set bond, which has not been set at the time of this press release.

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

Release date & time: 04-25-2009 @ 9:00 P.M.
Release authorized by: Sergeant James Perkins

