



## BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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### Media Release

Incident: Controlled substance / Firearms related search warrant  
Location: 4380 Southview Drive, Boone County, MO  
Date & time: 11-28-12 @ 9:44 am  
Case Number: 12-6256

#### Details:

On the above date and time, the Sheriff's Department served a Boone County search warrant at the residence located at 4380 Southview Drive. This residence was the location of a recent shooting incident. On 10-31-12 multiple shots were fired through the window of this residence; no one was hit by the gunfire.

The sheriff's department believes criminal activity occurring at the residence, which included drug sales, were a contributing factor to the 10-31-12 shooting. An investigation which began after the shooting, revealed that the criminal activity was continuing. This search warrant was a result of that continuing criminal activity.

Numerous items of evidentiary value were located during the service of this search warrant including a shotgun believed to have been obtained during a drug transaction, a stolen motor scooter, a small amount of cocaine, and evidence of marijuana distribution.

Lonnie Avant, age 41, of Columbia was arrested for felony receiving stolen property (RSMo 570.080), unlawful possession of a firearm (571.070), and distribution of a controlled substance (RSMo 195.211).

The sheriff's department will continue to make the investigations of the recent shootings in the county a priority. Anyone with information should contact the Sheriff's Department or submit tips anonymously online at the Sheriff's Department website at:

<https://www.boonecountymo.org/sheriff/contactFormTips.asp>.

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

Release date & time: 11-28-12 @ 2:15 pm  
Release authorized by: Sgt .Britt Shea