



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Media Release

Incident: Pursuit/Crash/Warrant Arrest
Location: 1100 Block El Chaparral Drive
Date & time: 05/08/13 1850
Case Number: 2013-2587, 2013-2588

Details:

On 05/08/13 at 1850 hours, a Boone County Sheriff's Deputy attempted to stop a vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign near Santa Barbara Drive. The driver, 21 year-old Columbia resident, Rashard L. Bigham failed to stop and led the deputy on a chase into the El Chaparral Subdivision.

Bigham carelessly drove through the densely populated subdivision and struck a vehicle broadside, sending it toppling on its side. Following the crash, Bigham fled the scene on foot and was apprehended by the deputy moments later a few blocks away.

A Columbia Police Department K-9 unit alerted to the possible presence of controlled substance inside the vehicle Bigham had been driving. A search of the vehicle yielded an amount of marijuana, as well as a loaded, stolen assault rifle.

Rashard Bigham was also wanted for the following warrants:

\$200,000.00 cash only warrant for Discharging a Firearm from a Vehicle/into a Building; Armed Criminal Action; and Assault First Degree

\$200,000.00 cash only warrant for Armed Criminal Action and Assault First Degree.

\$5,000.00 cash only warrant for P&P Violation and Burglary Second Degree.

\$5,000.00 cash only warrant for 2 counts of Burglary Second Degree and Theft of Firearms.

\$1,000.00 cash only warrant for Misdemeanor Stealing.

Rashard Bigham was arrested on the following charges today:

Assault First Degree (To Be Set Bond amount)

Felony Resisting Arrest \$4500.00

Felon in Possession of a Firearm \$4500.00

Receiving Stolen Property \$4500.00

3 Counts of Felony Property Damage \$13,500.00

Felony Driving While Suspended \$4500.00

Possession of Controlled Substance \$500.00

Careless and Imprudent Driving \$500.00

Property Damage Second Degree \$500.00

Failure to Yield to an Emergency Vehicle \$145.00

2 Counts of Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign \$190.00

While the Assault First bond needs to be set, the remaining bonds total \$444,335.00.

Rashard I. Bigham remains in custody here at the Boone County Jail at this time. There was no photo available at the time of this release.

Release date & time: 05/08/13 2305

Release authorized by: Sergeant Mike Krohn #5061