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Media Release

Incident: Narcotics Arrest / Resisting Arrest
Location: U.S. Highway 63 near Peabody Road
Date & time: 08/07/2013 at 4:01 PM
Case Number: 2013-004357

On 08/07/2013, at approximately 3:46 PM, an officer with the Columbia Police Department attempted to stop a maroon Pontiac Grand Prix for a speeding violation and the vehicle fled northbound on U.S. Highway 63 near Prathersville Road. The Columbia Police Department ended the pursuit.

At approximately 4:01 PM, Boone County deputies located the Pontiac parked on the southbound shoulder of U.S. Highway 63, between Peabody Road and Hinton Road. The driver, who was later identified as 49-year-old Robert E. Coats Jr. of Columbia, had abandoned the Pontiac and fled into a nearby wooded area. After a brief search, Coats was located and was observed to be ingesting narcotics. Coats failed to comply with directives given to him by deputies. Coats was subdued with the use of a Taser and taken into custody.

When taken into custody, Coats was found to be in possession of packages of marijuana packaged in a manner consistent with them being prepared for sale, crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia, and packaging material.

Coats was arrested for the following charges:

- 1 count of Possession of a Controlled Substance with intent to distribute - Marijuana,
- 1 count of Possession of a Controlled Substance - Cocaine
- 1 count of Resisting Arrest,
- 1 county of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

At the time of this release Coats bond has yet to be set and an updated mugshot of Robert E. Coats is not available. The photograph below is from 2011.

Robert E. Coats Jr.



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

Release date & time: 08-07-2013 @ 7:45 PM
Release authorized by: Sgt. Brian Leer #5629