



## BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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### Media Release

Incident: Pursuit of Stolen Vehicle; Assault On Law Enforcement Officer  
Location: Boone, Cooper & Saline Counties  
Date & time: 5/20/17 @ 0017 hours  
Case Number: 16-2771

#### Details:

A 34-year-old man suspected of driving a stolen pickup truck is in the Boone County Jail following his arrest early this morning (5/20/16) after leading multiple law enforcement agencies on a pursuit through Columbia which continued on Interstate 70 before being taken into custody in Saline County.

Ryan T. Wilkerson, of Independence, Mo., is awaiting a total bond to be set by a judge on suspicion of Tampering 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Felony Resisting Arrest, Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Careless and Imprudent Driving. Shortly after midnight a Boone County sheriff's deputy spotted a stolen red 2002 Ford F-150 near the intersection of Range Line Street and Blue Ridge Road.

The deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle which sped north on Range Line Street to Prathersville Road and then east to southbound U.S. Highway 63. The pursuit continued back into the city of Columbia with the suspect exiting at Broadway and heading west to northbound Old U.S. Highway 63. The suspect then drove west on Business Loop 70 to Stadium Boulevard where he drove onto westbound Interstate 70 with deputies and Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers following.

A trooper deploying a tire deflation device on I-70 near Highway BB in the Rocheport area was nearly struck after the suspect drove the stolen pickup truck toward him. The pursuit continued through Cooper County before the truck ran out of gas on I-70 near the Sweet Springs exit.

The suspect then exited the truck and began fighting with a trooper and other law enforcement officers. The suspect was taken into custody after being tased. The pickup truck was reported stolen from Independence, Mo.

Also assisting with this pursuit were officers from the Columbia Police Department, Boonville Police Department and sheriff's deputies from Cooper and Saline counties.

Release date & time: 5/20/16 @ 0925  
Release authorized by: Det. Tom O'Sullivan, #5040



RYAN T. WILKERSON