



## BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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### Media Release

Incident: Vehicle Pursuit; Wanted Felon Captured  
Location: Columbia to Jefferson City  
Date & time: 10/11/2018 @ 0035 hours  
Case Number: 18-4822

#### Details:

A St. Louis man wanted for a felony parole violation and other charges led Boone County sheriff's deputies and law enforcement officers from several other agencies on a high-speed chase from Columbia to Jefferson City early this morning (10/11/2018).

James M. Hunt, Jr., 31, was driving a silver Kia Optima that ran a red light at the intersection of Conley Road and Highway 63 South at about 0035 hours. A deputy who witnessed the traffic violation attempted to stop the vehicle on Highway 63.

The Kia accelerated to speeds in excess of 100 miles-per-hour and nearly struck an Ashland Police vehicle on Highway 63. The suspect exited Highway 63, went west through Ashland on Route M then along the River Road before eventually heading back to Highway 63 and south to Jefferson City.

The suspect eventually stopped the vehicle on a dead-end street in the 2300 block of Jefferson Street where he was taken into custody without further incident. Inside the Kia deputies recovered a loaded Glock pistol reported stolen in St. Louis.

Hunt was arrested on suspicion of Felony Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>; Felony Stealing of a Firearm; Felony Unlawful Possession of a Firearm; Resisting/Interfering with an Arrest; Failure to Yield to an Emergency Vehicle; Operating a Motor Vehicle in a Careless/Imprudent Manner; Failure to Stop for a Red Light and Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid Driver's License. Hunt is also facing domestic violence related charges from the city of Columbia. He is being held without bond in the Boone County Detention Center.

The pursuit lasted approximately 45 minutes and covered 53 miles. Also assisting with this pursuit were deputies from Cole and Callaway counties, Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers, Ashland and Jefferson City Police.

Release date & time: 10/11/18 @ 0900  
Release authorized by: Det. Tom O'Sullivan, #5040

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