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News Release

Arkansas City residents arrested after car, foot chases; collision

Jennifer Dorman taken into custody for meth, marijuana, fleeing and eluding

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (July 9, 2016) — An Arkansas City couple were arrested early Thursday morning after a car chase ended in a collision that led to a foot chase and the discovery of illegal drugs.

Jennifer Diane Dorman, 37, was arrested by the Arkansas City Police Department on suspicion of failure to report an accident, fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer, possession of drug-use paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, possession of methamphetamine and reckless driving.

She also was wanted on two Cowley County District Court warrants for probation violation.

Dorman was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in Winfield in lieu of \$13,300 bond through Arkansas City district court on the new allegations. There is no bond for probation violation.

Robert Wayne Dorman, 47, was arrested on an Arkansas City district court warrant for failure to appear. He was transported to and booked into the county jail in lieu of \$100 bond.

Jennifer Dorman remained in custody at the time of this release, but Robert Dorman since has posted bond and been released.

An Arkansas City police officer was on routine patrol about 1:15 a.m. July 7 in the 400 block of North Ninth Street when he made contact with a female driver who was acting suspiciously.

The woman, later identified as Jennifer Dorman, said she did not have any identification. She gave a false name and date of birth.

As officers stepped behind the car to discuss her true identity, Dorman put the car in drive, refusing orders to stop and not to leave the scene. She left southbound on Ninth Street at a high rate of speed.

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A short pursuit ensued, but was ended due to the suspect's reckless driving. The vehicle she fled in later was found near the intersection of Jackson Avenue and Seventh Street, where it had struck a curb and come to rest in the lawn of a nearby residence. A tire had deflated and the airbags had deployed.

As officers were checking the area, they found Dorman hiding behind a tree a short distance from where she had abandoned the vehicle. A short foot chase took place before she was caught. Dorman subsequently fought with police as they were taking her into custody. She finally was transported to jail.

After Dorman was secured, police contacted the rental car company that owns the vehicle, which requested that the car be impounded. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of marijuana, methamphetamine and a glass pipe with heavy residue.

Robert Dorman, Jennifer Dorman's husband, arrived at the scene to take possession of a small dog and other belongings from inside the vehicle. He was found to have an active warrant and also arrested.

A defendant's guilt or innocence is to be determined by a court of law.

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