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News Release

One arrested, one still sought after vehicle and foot chase Friday

Aukes accused of interference with law enforcement, theft of motor vehicle

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (March 9, 2020) — The Arkansas City Police Department arrested one person, but still is seeking another suspect, following a vehicle and foot chase Friday in Arkansas City.

Alejandra Maria Aukes, 30, of Wichita, was arrested on suspicion of one felony count each of interference with a law enforcement officer and theft of a motor vehicle (valued at more than \$1,000).

She was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in Winfield in lieu of \$4,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City.

Aukes since has posted bond and been released from custody.

Police still are seeking an unidentified white male in connection with this incident who allegedly fled on foot following the vehicle chase. He still has not been located as of the time of this release.

This is still an ongoing investigation. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of this individual is encouraged to contact the Arkansas City Police Department at [\(620\) 441-4444](tel:6204414444).

Those wishing to remain anonymous also may contact Cowley County Crime Stoppers, which offers rewards of up to \$2,500 for information leading to an arrest.

Call [\(620\) 442-7777](tel:6204427777) in Arkansas City or [\(620\) 221-7777](tel:6202217777) in Winfield, or visit www.tipsubmit.com or accs.crimestoppersweb.com to make an anonymous report.

An anonymous tip also can be submitted by texting ACTIPS to 847411.

Incident narrative

Arkansas City police officers at 12:35 p.m. Friday attempted to stop a 1991 Honda Accord.

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The vehicle previously had been reported stolen out of Wichita on Wednesday.

After a short pursuit, the vehicle was located unoccupied by Cowley County sheriff's deputies in the 2400 block of 276th Drive, just to the west of the city limits of Arkansas City running parallel to 23rd Street.

In addition to Arkansas City police, the Cowley County Sheriff's Office, Kansas Highway Patrol, and Blue Line Trackers responded to the scene and commenced a search for the two occupants of the car.

Aukes was located and taken into custody without further incident, but the male suspect fled on foot.

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

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