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# News Release

## Winfield man arrested on suspicion of aggravated assault, drugs

*Insaly apprehended after high-speed chase ends in crash; numerous charges*

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (September 11, 2020) — The Arkansas City Police Department arrested a Winfield man early Wednesday morning after he crashed a vehicle following a high-speed chase.

Phab Insaly, 31, was arrested on suspicion of five felony counts of aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer, as well as one felony count each of criminal use of an explosive device, interference with a law enforcement officer, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession of methamphetamine and unlawfully obtaining a prescription drug.

He also was arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor battery of a law enforcement officer, driving under the influence, driving with a suspended driver's license (third offense), possession of drug paraphernalia and reckless driving.

He was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City, and remained in custody at the time of this release.

Arkansas City officers became aware of a police pursuit in Winfield about 1:44 a.m. Wednesday.

They continued to monitor the pursuit and later learned the suspect, Insaly, was southbound on U.S. 77 at speeds in excess of 100 mph.

As Insaly continued driving south, Winfield police broke off their pursuit for safety reasons because he was driving without headlights and allegedly passing cars on the shoulder.

In the meantime, ACPD had staged at the north city limits to offer assistance, if needed.

While they were there, Insaly entered Arkansas City and was clocked on radar at 94 mph. He continued south and again turned off his lights, despite no longer being pursued by any police vehicles.

A short time later, police located his vehicle crashed at Kansas Avenue and Summit Street.

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Officers located the driver in the vehicle and identified him as Insaly. He eventually was able to remove himself from the vehicle, but he became combative with officers and deputies at the scene.

At one point, Insaly allegedly reentered his vehicle and attempted to use a cigarette lighter to ignite a gasoline can in a suspected attempt to destroy the vehicle. He eventually was taken to the ground by officers, where he then bit and struck a Cowley County sheriff's deputy.

Insaly was transported by the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department to South Central Kansas Medical Center for evaluation. He later was taken to the county jail on Thursday and booked into custody.

During the investigation, he was found in possession of methamphetamine and other drug items.

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

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