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Case no. 2021-0013

Attachments: Lewis mug shot

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Ashland PD recovers stolen vehicle

Ashland Police arrested Bryan Lewis, of Columbia, on suspicion of tampering with a motor vehicle.

On January 7, 2021, the Columbia Police Department received a report of a stolen motorcycle (CPD Case No. 2021-004984). The owner subsequently advertised a reward on Facebook. An individual responded to the offer of the reward and requested to meet the owner in Ashland. The owner alerted an Ashland officer and was able to provide a possible address where the stolen motorcycle was located.

Three Ashland officers and a Boone County Sheriff's Department deputy went to the location in the 4000 block of E. Christian School Rd. Upon arriving, officers observed the stolen motorcycle in a garage with three individuals. Parts of the motorcycle had been painted silver, and Lewis was observed with silver paint on his hands. The homeowner stated Lewis had asked to keep the motorcycle there several days prior.

Lewis was arrested for tampering with a motor vehicle; he also has three outstanding warrants for failing to appear for harassing communication, a moving traffic violation, and counterfeiting. Lewis was transported to the Boone County Jail where he was made to post bond.

The motorcycle was recovered from the garage and the owner is making arrangements to regain possession.

All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.