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Case no. 2021-0095

Attachments: Zimmer mug shot, Howe mug shot

March 20, 2021

Ashland police arrest two following vehicle pursuit

Ashland Police arrested Jeffrey Zimmer and Casey Howe, both of Columbia, following a vehicle pursuit and short foot chase on Saturday.

On Saturday, March 20, 2021, at about 1:00 am, two Ashland officers in a marked patrol car attempted to stop a vehicle for a registration violation. The vehicle failed to yield and a high speed vehicle pursuit ensued, traveling north on Highway 63 into Columbia; the pursuit reached speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour. The driver, later identified as Zimmer, a convicted felon, exited the vehicle upon stopping. As he exited, Zimmer dropped a pistol before fleeing on foot. An officer gave chase and took Zimmer into custody.

Officers located drug paraphernalia and a large amount of cash in the vehicle, consistent with drug distribution. The passenger, Howe, also possessed a large amount of cash. Zimmer was arrested for felony resisting arrest, unlawful possession of a firearm, and delivery of a controlled substance. Howe was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance. Both Zimmer and Howe were transported to the Boone County Jail where they were made to post bond.

Ashland officers were assisted in the pursuit and transportation of prisoners by the Boone County Sheriff's Office, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the Columbia Police Department.

The Ashland Police Department remains committed to working with other law enforcement agencies and community partners to curb criminal activity within the city and surrounding area. Citizens are reminded they can contact APD via Boone County Joint Communications (911, or 311 for non-emergencies) or anonymously report criminal activity and tips to CrimeStoppers at 573-875-8477.

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

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