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Case no. 2021-0143

Attachments: Akins mug shot

April 18, 2021

## Jefferson City woman arrested after vehicle pursuit

Ashland Police arrested Ariyan Akins, of Jefferson City, following a vehicle pursuit on Saturday.

On Saturday, April 17, 2021, at about 11:30 pm, an Ashland officer attempted to stop a vehicle he observed racing two other vehicles in excess of 100 miles per hour on Highway 63 in the city limits of Ashland.

The vehicles failed to stop for the officer. The officer chose to focus on a white VW Jetta, which traveled on and off of the shoulder of Highway 63. The vehicles suddenly exited at Route H; the VW Jetta traveled the wrong way through the traffic circle, nearly hitting an uninvolved vehicle head-on. The other vehicles traveled eastbound on Route H. The VW Jetta stopped on the onramp to southbound Highway 63 from Log Providence Rd.

Ashland police arrested the driver, Akins, on suspicion of resisting arrest or detention by fleeing – creating substantial risk of serious injury to any person. She was also issued summonses to appear for traveling 101 miles per hour in a posted 70 mph zone, and for careless and imprudent driving.

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.