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On August 29, 2015 at approximately 6:30 a.m. Deputies were dispatched to county road 7001 and 6002 in reference to a vehicle on fire. Shortly after their arrival, Deputies were advised that the vehicle that was burned was also used in an attempted arson approximately 4 miles north of the burned truck.

Deputies then responded to the victim's address and was advised that he heard car doors and came outside to see what was going on. Once outside, he observed a male subject attempting to set his hay bales on fire. The suspect jumped into the truck and attempted to flee the scene. The victim feared for his life as the truck sped by him and the victim fired several shots in an attempt to hit the tire of the truck. The suspect returned fire at the home owner. The suspect fled the scene. Two bales of hay were burnt along with the home owners trash dumpster. An area canvass was conducted and Deputies went door to door to notify the residents in the immediate area.

Later that afternoon around 3:30 p.m., Bates County Sheriff's Office and Butler Police Department conducted a joint search for the suspect in the areas of Fulton and Harrison Streets in Butler, MO. After an hour long manhunt, the suspect was located at 310 W College in Butler. The suspect, identified as Kyle W. Morris (DOB 10/31/1974) had an apparent gunshot wound in his back.



Sheriff Anderson and Deputies transported Morris to the Bates County Memorial Hospital. Morris was then transferred to a trauma center in Kansas City.

On August 31, 2015 Morris was released from the trauma center. He is now in custody at the Bates County Sheriff's Office. Morris was charged with a Class C Felony of Assault in the Second Degree. His bond was set at \$50,000.00 cash or surety. There are more charges expected to be filed by the Bates County Prosecutor's Office.