# Press Release

On 9/24/15, a Deputy traveling southbound on I49 attempted to stop a motorcycle just south of Adrian, Missouri. The motorcycle failed to yield to the Deputy and continued to travel at a high rate of speed. The motorcycle exited off at Passaic and traveled east bound on D Highway. The motorcycle reached speeds of over 100 mph. The Deputy lost sight of the motorcycle in the area of Z Highway and D Highway and subsequently terminated the pursuit. As additional Deputies responded to the area they observed the motorcycle traveling south on County Road 6003 and Z Highway.

The Deputy initiated his lights and sirens and the motorcycle began traveling south on County Road 6003. At the intersection of County Road 6003 and D Highway the motorcycle continued across D Highway into a corn field. The motorcycle continued through the cornfield for approximately half a mile until striking a barbed wire fence causing the driver to be ejected from the motorcycle. The subject then began running on foot. Deputies took the subject into custody approximately 100 yards from the motorcycle. Two Deputies received minor injuries when their vehicle struck a ditch in the field as they were pursuing the motorcycle. A check of the vehicle identification number on the motorcycle showed it to be stolen.

The subject was then transported to the Bates County Memorial Hospital by Ambulance where he was examined and released to be taken to the Bates County Sheriff's Office.

The driver was identified as Rodney Lee Howard. Howard's driver's license was revoked and he had multiple warrants for tampering with a motor vehicle and a probation and parole warrant for violation of probation. Howard was charged in Bates County with three felony charges that consisted of Tampering with a motor vehicle, resisting arrest and Possession of methamphetamines. His bond was set at $25,000.00 cash only.