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Press Release

On 03/28/2016 Bates County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in Amoret, Missouri for fail to stop at a stop sign and fail to signal. Upon the Deputy stopping the vehicle, the driver, later identified as Ernest N. Schmidt voluntarily exited the vehicle and showed continued signs of nervousness. Schmidt then attempted to get back into his vehicle multiple times. The Deputy also made contact with a passenger in the vehicle, later identified as James A. Magers.

During a pat down of the subjects for officer safety, the Deputy located what appeared to be drug paraphernalia in the coat pocket of Magers. A K-9 unit was then called to the scene and conducted a free air sniff of the vehicle, where he alerted to the presence of narcotic odor. Upon searching the vehicle, Deputies located 2 syringes, one of which tested positive for methamphetamine. Schmidt later stated that the syringes were his. The Deputy also noticed what appeared to be unknown items in the front Magers' pants. At that time he asked Magers to remove the items from his pants. Magers removed several items of drug paraphernalia and 2 small baggies from his pants which contained methamphetamine.

Magers and Schmidt were transported to Bates County Jail where they were turned over to jail staff.

Warrants were issued for Schmidt and Magers for Possession of Controlled Substance with bonds in the amount of \$12,500 Cash or Surety each.

