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## **Press Release**

On 06/11/2016, 2330 hrs, A Bates County Deputies conducted an investigative check on a maroon Chevy van located at the Passaic Commuter Lot. The Deputy exited his vehicle and walked up to the driver's side door of the van. The Deputy observed a male subject, later identified as Billy Albert Duggins, of Carthage MO, DOB 02/15/1970. Duggins was acting suspicious and refused to show the Deputy his hands. After an argumentative conversation at gun point, the suspect finally showed him his hands to which the Deputy observed what he believed to be a bag of Methamphetamines. The Deputy ordered Duggins to exit the vehicle. Duggins refused to comply and put his vehicle in reverse almost striking the deputy and his vehicle then drove off in an attempt to elude the Deputy. The Deputy returned to his patrol vehicle and began pursuit with the van. The pursuit left the commuter log in Passaic onto I49. The pursuit continued north on I-49 to E Highway where the suspect exited and traveled east on E Highway. The pursuit continued onto several county roads before coming onto KK Highway. The pursuit again returned to the county roads until returning back onto E Highway where Deputies attempted to utilized spike strips to stop the pursuit. The suspect was able to avoid the stop sticks on E Highway. The suspect returned to I-49 and began to travel northbound from E Highway.

A request was made to Cass County Authorities to set up spike strips as the pursuit continued on I-49. As the pursuit continued Deputies attempted to take action to prevent the suspect from exiting the interstate so that spike strips could be deployed. During those attempts the suspect tried to force the Deputy into the guard rails several times. On several occasions the suspect slammed on his brakes in an attempt to disable assisting patrol vehicle. At one point the suspect slammed on the brakes causing Sheriff Anderson's patrol vehicle to strike the rear of the van causing damage to the front of his vehicle.

Deputies were able to keep the pursuit on I-49 knowing that Spike strips were being deployed around the weigh scale area in Harrisonville. At the weigh scales Harrisonville Police Department was able to effectively deploy the spike strips deflating one tire on the vehicle. The vehicle continued driving on three wheels and as traffic became heavier started passing other vehicles on the shoulder of the highway. When traffic was clear Sheriff Anderson attempted the PIT maneuver on the vehicle but was unsuccessful. As the Sheriff attempted a second time the vehicle slammed on his brakes causing the Sheriff's vehicle to make contact with the driver's side of the vehicle. Once vehicle contact was made the Sheriff utilized his truck to force the suspect vehicle into the guardrail causing the pursuit to come to an end. The suspect was then taken into custody by Deputies.

A search of Mr. Duggins' vehicle revealed several used syringes, a bag of white crystal substance that field tested positive for methamphetamines, a marijuana pipe and a glass pipe that field tested positive for methamphetamines.

Mr. Duggins had a warrant out of Joplin and was known to be violent and obstructing police.

Sheriff Anderson says "We believe he was at the commuter lot to shoot up his methamphetamines. I feel it's important that we take our streets back from people like this. It's time that we get tough on drugs and hold these people accountable and if they can't become productive members of society then they need to sit in prison. These are the same people that we see assaulting citizens, stealing from hard working people and or robbing from businesses. I'm not happy about the damage to the police car but we will not let these people run our county into the ground. This gentleman is a danger to society and has a long history of drug dealing, drug using, resisting arrest, receiving stolen property and the list just keeps going on. I'm glad no one was hurt during this pursuit and I appreciate the cooperation that each agency was able to provide in helping us".

Multiple agencies including Bates County Sheriff's Office, Adrian Police Department, Cass County Sheriff's Office, Harrisonville Police Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol assisted in the apprehension of Mr. Duggins.

A Warrant was issued for Billy Albert Duggins for committing a class B felony assault of a law enforcement officer in the second degree with additional charges to be reviewed by the Bates County Prosecutor; bond was set at \$35,000 Cash or Surety each. The suspect remains in the custody of the Bates County Sheriff.

