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Press Release

In the first week of January the Bates County Sheriff's Office and the Butler Police Department were made aware of a subject who was asking for assistance in the murder of his ex-wife. The subject was looking to purchase a firearm for that intent. The subject is restricted from possessing a firearm because of multiple felony convictions.

On 1/14/2015 an agent from the CNET Drug taskforce posed as the seller of a small caliber pistol. The suspect was identified as Michael H Kreitler DOB 09-16-1950 of Butler. Michael Kreitler made contact with a person who was selling a gun on the internet and agreed to purchase .32 caliber North American arms handgun for \$325.00. Michael Krietler agreed to meet the seller of the gun in the parking lot of the old Walmart in Butler. What Michael was unaware of was he would be purchasing the handgun directly from a CNET undercover agent. An arrest team was in place waiting for Michael Krietler to arrive. Once Michael Krietler arrived he got into the undercover agents vehicle to purchase the firearm. After the purchase of the firearm Krietler then exited the vehicle and was immediately arrested by the Bates County arrest team.

Krietler was transported to the Bates County Sheriff's Office and has been charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. Bond was set at \$50,000 cash only. Krietler is also being held on 3 warrants for Probation and Parole for 3 counts of Probation Revocation. Bonds on each of those were set at \$30,000 cash only.

Krietler had previously pled guilty in regards to domestic violence charges and possession of a controlled substance.

