On 11/19/15 at approximately 10:00 pm a Deputy with the Bates County Sheriff's Office was patrolling in the area of County Road 1754 and BB Highway when he observed a car with Arkansas license plates cruising the area. The Deputy turned around and attempted to catch up to the vehicle. Before the Deputy caught the vehicle, it had rounded a curve and lost control sliding into the ditch. As the Deputy pulled up to the vehicle, he observed the driver's side door open and the vehicle was empty.

The Deputy requested assistance to search for the unknown occupant or occupants. Extra Deputies were called from home and the Missouri State Highway Patrol was asked to assist in the search. A K9 Unit searched the wooded area for approximately a half mile. They found a stocking cap and a bottle of pills discarded as the occupants fled the area.

Evidence collected at the scene indicated that there were possibly two subjects that ran. Those two subjects may be a white male and a female.

The extra Deputies from the Sheriff's Office continued to search the area making contact with area residents until approximately 3:00 a.m. With the permission of residents in the area, Deputies searched barns and cars for the subjects.

"Since the Deputy was not able to initiate a vehicle stop, the Sheriff's Office does not currently have charges on the subjects at this time. But we do encourage our citizens in the area to be cautions and make sure your keys are always taken out of your vehicles. We are still trying to identify the subjects who we believe may be from Fayetteville Arkansas and are trying to figure out what they were doing in that area." said Sheriff Anderson.

Sheriff Anderson also said he appreciates the cooperation they had last night with the residents in the area. He would also like to encourage anyone to call the Sheriff's Office if they have any information about these subjects or if they see anything suspicious in the neighborhoods.