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## **Press Release**

On Monday May 8, 2017 at approximately 11 pm, Deputies were dispatched to I49 in reference to a wrong way driver. Deputies and a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol were able to locate the vehicle traveling northbound in the southbound lanes. Deputies attempted to get in front of the vehicle to get it stopped. At one point the vehicle came to a stop but then took off again. A request to Adrian Police Department for assistance in getting southbound traffic stopped at Passaic was made. The vehicle traveled northbound in the southbound lanes narrowing missing multiple cars until it came upon the MO 52 West Exit ramp. The vehicle then exited off the highway and traveled east into the City limits of Butler. Members of the Butler Police Department attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle continued to travel east bound through Butler into the east side of Butler's residential area. The vehicle then turned around and traveled back west through the neighborhoods. Several attempts were made to get in front of the subject to set out spike strips failed due to his constant changing of directions.

The subject turned off of Mechanic Street onto Nursery Street and began to head eastbound toward Rec Lake. As the vehicle approached the Sheriff's Patrol vehicle that was stopped in the road, the subject swerved as to hit him head on and at that the last minute swerved back striking the patrol truck in the front driver's side bumper and fender. The vehicle continued eastbound to the city limits by Rec Lake. As the vehicle exited the city limits to a rural road, dispatch confirmed that the vehicle was stolen out of Kansas City. The Sheriff was able to get to a position to utilize the P.I.T. maneuver and slid the vehicle of into the ditch. The subject continued to try and drive out of the ditch toward oncoming Officers. The driver was tasered and began to climb out of the passenger side window. The driver continued to resist orders of the Officers and was tasered and maced multiple times to gain compliance. After a lengthy struggle with the subject, multiple officers from multiple agencies finally were able to take the subject into custody.

The driver, identified as Aaron C Elf W/M 10/04/1976 of Kansas City Missouri, was taken into custody where he was transported to the Bates County Hospital by ambulance where he was admitted for treatment.

Sheriff Anderson received treatment at the Bates County Hospital for a minor injury incurred during the arrest.

Aaron C Elf was charged with Assaulting a Law Enforcement Officer and Resisting Arrest. His bond was set at \$50,000 cash with additional charges expected at a later date by the Prosecuting attorney. Elf is currently on Probation or Parole for 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault from a case in 2016.

“These types of calls are extremely dangerous for the public and Law Enforcement Officers, it is imperative that we work together and formulate a plan as soon as possible to get these kind of people off the road before they hurt or kill someone.” Sheriff Anderson says. “Last night Law Enforcement Officers from four different agencies came together as one team to stop a person who did not care about the danger he placed other people in. I was proud to be part of that team last night”