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Press Release

Man arrested for theft after being chased in stolen ambulance

Police: Richardson took vehicle from South Central Kansas Medical Center

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (December 20, 2015) — A Winfield man was arrested early Sunday morning after a short chase following his alleged theft of an Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department ambulance.

Ryan Garrett Richardson, 26, was arrested by the Cowley County Sheriff's Office on suspicion of driving under the influence, felony theft and refusal of a preliminary breath test.

Richardson was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in lieu of \$4,000 bond through Cowley County District Court. He since has posted bond and been released.

Police were dispatched about 3:43 a.m. to South Central Kansas Medical Center, 6401 Patterson Pkwy., for a report of an ambulance that had been stolen.

Law enforcement officers began to check various travel routes from the medical center because the ambulance last was seen heading southbound toward Arkansas City.

A Cowley County sheriff's deputy located the ambulance in Winfield and a short chase involving the two vehicles ensued. The ambulance eventually was stopped. There was no damage to the vehicle.

Richardson was found to be intoxicated when he was taken into custody without further incident.

A defendant's guilt or innocence is to be determined by a court of law.

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