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# News Release

## Arkansas City man arrested on suspicion of aggravated battery

*Smith accused of striking 62-year-old female with vehicle, reckless driving*

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (July 10, 2016) — An Arkansas City man was arrested Friday morning after allegedly striking a 62-year-old female pedestrian with his vehicle, causing non-life-threatening injuries.

Mason William Smith, 19, was arrested by the Arkansas City Police Department on suspicion of aggravated battery. He was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in Winfield in lieu of \$10,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City.

Smith remained in custody at the time of this release.

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

Police responded about 11 a.m. July 8 to the 700 block of North Second Street for a report of a woman who had been struck by a vehicle. The victim had minor injuries to her arms and legs.

She said a vehicle was being driven recklessly in the area and she went to confront the driver about his behavior. As she approached, Smith accelerated and struck her, causing her to fall to the ground.

The victim was checked by the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department, but declined medical transport.

The suspect, Smith, was located hours later and taken into custody.

Any witnesses to this incident are asked to call (620) 441-4444 and report any further information.

Those wishing to remain anonymous may contact Cowley County Crime Stoppers, which offers rewards of up to \$2,000 for information leading to an arrest.

Call (620) 442-7777 in Ark City or (620) 221-7777 in Winfield, or visit [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com) to make an anonymous report. An anonymous tip also can be submitted by texting ACTIPS to 847411.

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