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News Release

Arkansas City man arrested on suspicion of business burglary

17-year-old also arrested on suspicion of burglary, theft, criminal damage

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (August 2, 2019) — The Arkansas City Police Department arrested two people Aug. 1 in connection with a July burglary at an automotive business in southeast Arkansas City.

Christopher Lee Fischer, 41, of Arkansas City, was arrested on suspicion of one felony count each of burglary of a non-dwelling, criminal damage to property and theft of property or services totaling greater than \$1,000 in value, as well as one misdemeanor count each of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

He also was arrested on three Cowley County District Court warrants for misdemeanor failure to appear.

Fischer was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in Winfield in lieu of \$26,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City. He remained in custody at the time of this release.

A 17-year-old Arkansas City male also was arrested on suspicion of burglary, criminal damage to property, possession of stolen property and theft. He was released to the custody of his mother.

Additional charges are expected for other individuals allegedly involved in this incident and those charges will be filed through the Cowley County Attorney's Office.

Police responded at 8:13 a.m. July 31 to a report of a burglary Tim's Automotive, located at 401 E. Madison Ave. They discovered someone had forced entry into the business and stolen items estimated at more than \$16,000. The burglary occurred sometime between 5 p.m. July 30 and 8 a.m. July 31.

After further investigation, police applied for and executed at 5:14 p.m. Aug. 1 a search warrant for a vehicle being held at a local towing business. Evidence gathered during this search led them to apply for another search warrant, this time at a residence in the 400 block of South First Street.

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The second warrant was executed at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 1, followed by an additional search at 8 p.m. in the 800 block of South Summit Street, during which officers gathered additional evidence in the case.

Their final stop of the day was at 9:16 p.m., when a search warrant was executed in the 400 block of East Monroe Avenue. Fischer was contacted at this location and taken into custody on his warrants.

A search of Fischer's East Monroe residence turned up evidence allegedly tied to the burglary, as well as drug possession.

Anyone with additional information related to this case is encouraged to call the Arkansas City Police Department at (620) 441-4444.

Those wishing to remain anonymous also 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 Arkansas City or (620) 221-7777 in Winfield, or visit www.tipsubmit.com or accs.crimestoppersweb.com, to make an anonymous report.

An anonymous tip also can be submitted by texting ACTIPS to 847411.

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

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