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News Release

Two Arkansas City residents arrested on suspicion of toy thefts

Armstrong also accused of burglary in connection with stolen Christmas gifts

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (January 3, 2020) — The Arkansas City Police Department arrested two Arkansas City residents Dec. 27, 2019, in connection with Christmas gifts stolen from the trunk of a car.

Kadan Ray Armstrong, 18, was arrested on suspicion of felony burglary and misdemeanor theft. He was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in lieu of \$3,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City. Armstrong remained in custody at the time of this release.

Shannon Lee Clark, 40, was arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor theft. She was transported to and booked into the county jail in lieu of \$1,000 bond through Arkansas City district court. Clark since has posted bond and been released from jail.

On Dec. 18, 2019, officers took a report of a vehicle burglary that had occurred in the 300 block of North A Street. The victims reported the theft of toys they were concealing from their children in the trunk of their car, in anticipation of Christmas. The total loss was estimated at \$160.

The stolen items were purchased locally, so an officer contacted the store where they were purchased and made employees aware of the theft, in the event the items were returned for money.

The officer then learned Dec. 27, 2019, that two items matching the description of the stolen goods had been returned to the store for a refund. The officer was able to quickly identify a suspect, based on surveillance video from the store. The suspect, later identified as Clark, was located and interviewed.

A second suspect, later identified as Armstrong, also was contacted and interviewed. Both suspects were taken into custody without incident following these interviews.

This case will be forwarded to the Cowley County Attorney's Office for prosecution. A defendant's guilt or innocence is to be determined by a court of law.

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