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News Release

Ark City man arrested Jan. 26 on suspicion of burglary, theft

Bryson Rhodes also accused of possession of drug paraphernalia, marijuana

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (January 28, 2020) — The Arkansas City Police Department arrested an Arkansas City man Sunday on suspicion of drug charges and theft in connection with a pair of thefts.

Bryson Daniel Rhodes, 32, was arrested on suspicion of one felony count of burglary of a non-dwelling, two misdemeanor counts of theft, and one misdemeanor count each of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. He was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in Winfield in lieu of \$7,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City.

Rhodes remained in custody at the time of this release.

Police were dispatched Jan. 16 to a residence in the 800 block of North Seventh Street for a reported burglary. The department subsequently posted surveillance video showing a suspect approaching the garage and driving a dark-colored Dodge Journey.

“With the assistance of our community, investigators received a tip on the identity of the masked burglar,” said ACPD Capt. Eric Burr. “Patrol officers and detectives were able to link the possible suspect to property removed from the garage.”

On Sunday, officers were in the area of the 1300 block of North Fourth Street when they spotted the potential suspect. After observing the officers, he allegedly ducked into a nearby residence.

The officers were able to talk with the suspect, later identified as Rhodes, and eventually bring him in for questioning. Rhodes then was taken into custody in connection with the Jan. 16 burglary incident.

An additional case later surfaced in which an Arkansas City man residing in the 1300 block of North Third Street had reported the theft of a weed eater and socket set on Jan. 1.

A search warrant was executed at a home in the 1300 block of North Fourth Street in connection with both cases. Additional charges were added to Rhodes’ booking for the second theft case.

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"We truly appreciate the help and support of this community. Social media has become a very useful tool in criminal investigations," Burr said regarding citizens' assistance in both cases.

"Crime prevention is also important. If it came down to one single thing that we can do to reduce crime, it would be to make sure that garages, sheds, and homes are locked and secured when you are away and when you are asleep at night. Removing the opportunity to commit a crime goes a long way toward reducing property crime in our entire community!"

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

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