Wanted Man Flees KS; Arrested After Chase Into MO

(KAIR)--An Atchison man, wanted in connection with an attack on another man that allegedly occurred last month, is now jailed, following a pursuit that began in Atchison and ended in Andrew County, Missouri.

Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson tells MSC News the search for 34-year-old Shane Gage was launched after a District Court warrant was issued for his arrest late last month. "On September the 29, our officers had responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North 7th. During that disturbance, a 21-year-old male had been struck on the head with a handgun. The suspect had fled the area, but the subsequent investigation identified him as being Shane Gage, and a warrant was issued charging Gage with a number of crimes committed during that disturbance."

Wilson says it was around 2:45 Thursday morning that an officer on patrol in Atchison spotted Gage's vehicle, and that's when the pursuit began. "We had an officer spot a vehicle in the area of 12th and Commercial, with Gage driving. When officers attempted to stop the vehicle, Gage fled, eventually driving into Missouri. He continued into Buchanan County, Missouri, through the city of Saint Joseph, and into Andrew County, Missouri, where he was taken into custody by the Andrew County Sheriff's Department and the Savannah Police Department."

Gage was arrested after the pickup truck crashed into a ditch. The Associated Press reports the vehicle was driving on four flat tires after Saint Joseph Police laid spiked stop strips in its path. Three loaded guns, and drugs, were allegedly found in the vehicle.

In Atchison County, Gage faces charges including aggravated battery, aggravated assault, criminal possession of a firearm, battery, and criminal damage to property, all in relation to the District Court warrant. However, Wilson says additional charges are forthcoming. "In addition to the September 29 charges, he will now faces more charges on this pursuit, on both sides of the state line, by multiple agencies."

Once he was in custody, Gage was transported for hospitalized treatment due to the suspicion of authorities that he had ingested methamphetamine.