

Drug bust lands two in custody



James Zacharias, and Richard Renne

(KAIR)--A tip leads to a traffic stop September 2 in the 100 block of South 10th Street, in Atchison, and that leads to the seizure of what Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie calls a quantity of methamphetamine and money from the vehicle.

Arrested in connection with the discovery were two Atchison men, the 37-year-old driver, James Zacharias, and his passenger, 43-year-old Richard Renne. "A Deputy had some information on Mr. Renne possibly bringing methamphetamine into town, so we set up and waited for the vehicle that was described to him, and they were able to perform a traffic stop on him. The [Kansas] Highway Patrol assisted with their K9 unit, and the K9 indicated that there were narcotics in the vehicle."

Following the traffic stop, and the discovery of the contraband, Zacharias and Renne were taken to the Atchison County Sheriff's Office but released a short time later. "We decided to send off the narcotics, and things, to the lab...once the lab reports come back, then we get the case sealed up a little tighter."

Once the lab reports were received, Laurie says a warrant was issued for both Renne and Zacharias for distribution of methamphetamine and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

They were both arrested on the charges in recent days and booked into the Atchison County Jail.

Both are held on bonds of \$50,000.

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