

Atchison investigations lead to arrests

**(KAIR)--Arrests are made in two separate Atchison investigations, including a case dating back to last month involving a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle.**

**Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson told MSC News the probe, which was launched June 30, led authorities to Effingham resident Kaleb Giles. “We were able to, through some video footage in the area, get a video of a vehicle that we were interested in. We, since that time, had located a vehicle matching that description. We found the owner of the vehicle, which led us to the identity of a 20-year-old driver who had been driving the vehicle on the night of [June 30].”**

**Giles was taken into custody Saturday for leaving the scene of an accident.**

**Following his arrest, Giles was booked into the Atchison County Jail.**

**He has since been released on a surety bond of \$500.**

**Wilson said Giles is accused of striking a 36-year-old man, who was walking at 2nd and Commercial Streets on the evening of June 30, and then driving away.**

**The pedestrian did not require hospitalized treatment.**



Kaleb Giles/Credit: Atchison Co Sheriff's Office

**Another investigation, focused on the burglary of an Atchison residence Friday, led to Sunday's arrest of an Atchison man. “That investigation continued through the weekend,” Wilson said. “We were able to identify a 52-year-old Atchison man as being responsible...we did locate him late on Sunday night, and he was taken into custody for this residential burglary.”**

**Taken into custody on charges of burglary and theft was Brent Buettgenbach. “It was unlawful entry into the residence. The victim and the suspect were known to each other. There was about \$1,500 worth of items taken, including power tools and electronic equipment.”**

**Following his arrest, Buettgenbach was booked into the Atchison County Jail.**



Brent Buettgenbach/Credit: Atchison Co Sheriff's Office

**Along with those two investigations, Atchison Police continue to search for**

**whoever is responsible for placing what the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives calls “improvised explosive device” outside of a downtown business early Friday morning. “We made a lot of progress on Friday, and we made a lot of progress over the weekend,” Wilson said. “Nobody in custody, but still going strong on the investigation.”**

**A \$5,000 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever placed the explosive device outside the Hair Spital Barber Shop, located at 120 North 8th Street. A suspect van, caught on surveillance video, is also being sought.**

**The blast shattered windows and spread debris across a one block area, but caused no injuries.**

**▣ Van suspected of being in the area of Friday's downtown Atchison explosion/Credit: ATF/Atchison Police Dept.**

**Wilson said there's also been no arrest yet made in the Friday afternoon armed robbery of an Atchison payday loan business. “We worked throughout the weekend following leads on that case also...we do make progress.”**

**The suspect was caught on security video taken at Advance America, located at 820 U.S. Highway 59.**

**▣ Surveillance video footage of armed robbery suspect/Credit: Atchison Police Dept.**

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