

Arrest made in Atchison Co crime spree

(KAIR)--An arrest is made, and another expected, in connection with a rash of vehicle thefts and burglaries in rural Atchison County. "Our Deputies beat the streets on this one and were finally able to come up with some information on Mr. Martin and one other suspect," Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie told MSC News. "They were finally able to piece it all together and get some good information and make an arrest."

Laurie said 36-year-old Dewayne Martin, of Atchison, was taken into custody Monday, arrested in connection with a number of cases.

They include the thefts of 3 vehicles, including a 2002 Ford Escape, reported stolen in rural Atchison County on January 23, a 2007 Ford Edge, reported stolen from Effingham, on July 29, and a 2008 Chevrolet Colorado, reported stolen from Lancaster on January 27.

The Ford Escape remains missing, but the Chevy Colorado was recovered Wednesday morning north of Weston. The Ford Edge was found running south of Atchison on January 30.

Laurie said the search for the missing vehicle is continuing. "We've got a good location on the vehicle, at least where we believe the vehicle was last seen. We've been checking on that the last few days and trying to recover it. We're hopeful that we'll recover it."

Martin is also blamed for vehicle burglaries that Laurie said were reported January 26 and January 27 at rural Atchison County locations, including Cummings.

He is also accused of attempted burglary and misdemeanor criminal damage to property in connection with an attempted residential burglary, in Cummings, on February 1.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Atchison County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at 1309 South 10th Street, in Atchison, where items of evidence pertaining to the thefts and burglaries were located.

The raid led authorities to believe Martin was also responsible for a vehicle burglary and theft case reported January 31 in Cummings.

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

The second arrest is forthcoming.

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