Pursuit ends on flooded road; one in custody

(KAIR)--One person is in custody, while another remains on the run, following a two-state pursuit that began in Atchison County, Kansas.

Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie told MSC News the pursuit happened August 21 after a deputy attempted to stop a car in the 500 block of Park Street, in the city of Atchison. Instead of stopping, the driver allegedly sped away, with the pursuit eventually ending on a flooded roadway in Platte County, Missouri. "It traveled down a road that had been washed out at a certain point by the floods, about a 50-foot wash out, and the water in there was about waist deep. The vehicle didn't quite make it across there," Laurie said.

According to Laurie, the driver fled after the car became submerged in floodwaters on Southwest 130th Road, but a passenger, 25-year-old David Pickens, of Atchison, remained, and was arrested on an Atchison County District Court warrant.

During the arrest, Laurie said a distribution amount of methamphetamine was located, as well as heroin.

Pickens was initially booked into the Platte County jail, with warrants filed for his arrest, as well as the driver.

Later waiving extradition, Pickens was transported to the Atchison County Jail, and faces charges for possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia with the intent to distribute, no drug tax stamp, possession of heroin, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He's also held on unrelated warrants.

Bond for Pickens is set at \$150,000.

The driver is known to authorities, but his name is not yet made public as the search for his whereabouts continues.

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