Accused pursuit driver found hiding in home

(KAIR)--The alleged driver of a vehicle that led Atchison County authorities on a <u>two-state pursuit</u> that ended on a flooded Missouri road is now in custody.

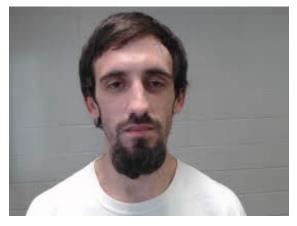
Arrested Saturday evening was 32-year-old Phillip Roles, of Atchison, who was found by Atchison Police hiding in a residence.

He was taken into custody on an Atchison County District Court warrant charging him with aid and abet possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute, aid and abet possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to distribute, no drug tax stamp, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, and driving while suspended.

Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie told MSC News Roles had been on the run since the time of the August 21 pursuit that began with an attempted traffic stop in the 500 block of Atchison's Park Street and ended on Southwest 130th Road, 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.

Roles allegedly fled on foot after the car got stuck, but his 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.



David Pickens/Credit: Atchison Co Sheriff's Office

Roles, following his Saturday evening discovery, and arrest, was booked into the Atchison County Jail.

His bond is set at \$150,000.

Pickens also remains in custody at the Atchison County Jail, held on similar charges, with his bond set at the same amount.

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