

Arrest made in months old theft case

**(KAIR)--An arrest has been made in connection with a vehicle and lawnmower theft dating back to April.**

**According to a release from Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, 34-year-old Phillip Kasper, Jr. was taken into custody Tuesday on an Atchison County District Court warrant for theft and burglary of a motor vehicle.**

**The Independence, Missouri resident is accused of the April 19 theft of a lawn mower from Benedictine College that investigators say he rode to the 200 block of East Riley Street. At that location, authorities say he approached the owner of a Jeep Liberty, who had just arrived home, and asked for help jump starting the mower. When she got out of the vehicle, it's alleged that Kasper stole it.**

**The Jeep was recovered several days later in rural Atchison County.**

**The mower has also been located.**

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

**His bond is set at \$25,000.**

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