

Mo man arrested after struggle with Brown Co deputies

(KNZA)--An Independence, Missouri man was arrested after a struggle with Brown County deputies revealed a pistol concealed in a bag he had grabbed during their interaction.

Brown County Sheriff John Merchant in a release said shortly before 10:30 Thursday morning dispatch received a call about a suspicious vehicle parked on the side of Prairie Road near 280th Road with an individual possibly passed out.

Deputies arrived a short time later and a male subject, later identified as 50-year-old William Smalley, was outside of the vehicle.

As deputies approached, Smalley got back into the vehicle.

When asked for identification, he allegedly provided deputies with false information. It was also determined that the license plate was expired and came back to an entirely different vehicle.

Smalley refused to comply with deputies request to exit the vehicle and allegedly grabbed a small black bag within his reach.

He was subsequently removed and arrested after a short struggle.

Merchant said the bag fell to the ground during the struggle and a 9mm pistol was revealed.

The two deputies and Smalley sustained only minor injuries during the incident.

Smalley was arrested on two counts of aggravated assault, obstruction, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal registration and no proof of insurance.

Following his arrest, he was booked into the Brown County Jail.

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