

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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