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Press Release

Arkansas City pair arrested Aug. 4 for burglary, drug offenses

Paul Cooke suspected of aggravated burglary at AC Presbyterian Manor

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (August 10, 2015) — Two Arkansas City residents were arrested Aug. 4 by the Arkansas City Police Department in connection with a recent aggravated burglary at Arkansas City Presbyterian Manor, 1711 N. Fourth St., and multiple drug offenses.

Paul Delbert Cooke, 39, was arrested on suspicion of aggravated burglary, two counts of burglary, making false information, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, possession of methamphetamine and three counts of theft. He was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in lieu of \$32,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City.

Cooke remained in jail at the time of this release.

Nicole Maree Carr-Cooke, 37, was arrested on suspicion of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. She was transported to and booked into the county jail in lieu of \$1,000 bond through Arkansas City district court. Carr-Cooke since has posted bond and been released.

Police were dispatched last Tuesday to 412 N. Second St. for a civil issue involving a U-Haul. They made contact there with Cooke, who one of the officers recognized as being the same person identified in a photo taken from a video of an aggravated burglary perpetrated recently at Presbyterian Manor.

In the course of being interviewed about the burglary, Cooke confessed his involvement to police.

After gaining consent from Cooke to search his residence, police located stolen items connected to other burglary cases in Arkansas City, as well as drug paraphernalia, marijuana, methamphetamine and copies of U.S. currency. The two arrests were made during the course of this investigation.

A defendant's guilt or innocence is to be determined by a court of law.

For immediate release