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News Release

Arkansas City men arrested on suspicion of aggravated assault

Nicholas, Beckner also accused of aggravated battery, aggravated burglary

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (August 22, 2016) — Two Arkansas City men were arrested after allegedly trying to stab another person during an incident early Sunday morning in south Arkansas City.

Conner Joe Beckner, 20, was arrested by the Arkansas City Police Department on suspicion of aggravated assault and aggravated burglary. He was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in Winfield in lieu of \$20,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City.

Robert Dale Nicholas, 45, was arrested on suspicion of aggravated assault, aggravated battery, aggravated burglary and criminal damage to property. He was transported to and booked into the county jail in lieu of \$31,000 bond through Arkansas City district court.

Both Beckner and Nicholas remained in custody at the time of this release.

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

Police responded shortly after 5 a.m. Sunday to 829 S. Summit St. for a report of an attempted stabbing. They found a 54-year-old Arkansas City male with an injury on the left side of his face.

The victim was treated by the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department and declined medical transport.

Nicholas was identified as a suspect in the attack after further investigation. A search warrant was served at his residence and he was arrested.

As the investigation continued, other suspects were identified. One of them, Beckner, later turned himself in at the Arkansas City Police Department and was arrested.

A third suspect, Ryan Christopher Hobson, 37, also is being sought by police. He is a white male, 6-foot-1 and weighing 165 pounds. Hobson has brown hair and hazel eyes. His address is unknown.

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Anyone with additional information about this incident or Hobson's whereabouts is asked to call the Arkansas City Police Department at (620) 441-4444.

Those wishing to remain anonymous may contact Cowley County Crime Stoppers, which offers rewards of up to \$2,000 for information leading to an arrest.

Call (620) 442-7777 in Ark City or (620) 221-7777 in Winfield, or visit www.tipsubmit.com to make an anonymous report. An anonymous tip also can be submitted by texting ACTIPS to 847411.

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