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Police seek suspect in connection with July 26 aggravated battery

Fitch accused of cutting Ark City man's face with knife; police seek information

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (August 1, 2019) — The Arkansas City Police Department is seeking a male suspect in connection with a knifing incident July 26 in the 400 block of North A Street.

James Henry Fitch V, 28, of Arkansas City, is wanted on suspicion of aggravated battery. There is an active warrant for his arrest through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City.

"If anyone has information on the whereabouts of James Henry Fitch V, please contact the Arkansas City Police Department at (620) 441-4444," said ACPD Capt. Eric Burr.

Officers were dispatched at 6:45 p.m. July 26 for a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of North A Street. Police found a 22-year-old Arkansas City man had sustained a cut to the side of his face.

Investigators worked quickly to identify Fitch as a suspect in the case, but he had fled the scene prior to their arrival. He allegedly cut the victim in the face with a knife as a result of a disagreement.

The Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department provided emergency medical assistance to the victim.

Anyone with information that could help police to locate Fitch is urged to contact 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 Arkansas City or (620) 221-7777 in Winfield, or visit www.tipsubmit.com or accs.crimestoppersweb.com to make an anonymous report.

An anonymous tip also can be submitted by texting ACTIPS to 847411.

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

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