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Man escapes police pursuit

Suspect flees during traffic stop

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Law enforcement officials swarmed an area of the city near Center Street on Thursday after a suspect darted from the back of a vehicle that was being stopped by a deputy.

According to Sheriff Jackie Matheny, the male suspect managed to elude capture. Matheny said he isn't sure if the suspect is thought to have a connection to the weekend crime spree which saw bullets fired into a home, two businesses burglarized, and a motorcycle stolen.

The area in question is near Warren County Administrative Offices and Bobby Ray Elementary.

Matheny said deputy Jared Jacobs was driving his vehicle in the area of

Walker and Center streets when he was nearly struck by a car around 2 p.m. Thursday. He said Jacobs went to stop the vehicle in question and when he did a suspect darted from the back seat.



MATHENY

When Jacobs called for backup, a wealth of city and county law enforcement officers responded and scoured the area in vehicles and on foot. However, heavy rain soon came pouring down and inhibited the search.

The suspect wasn't able to be located.

Matheny said officers are pretty sure who the suspect is and said there is no cause for community alarm. He said he didn't want to name him in the paper because he's not certain of his identity.

"He was running away pretty fast so we can't say for 100 percent who it is," said Matheny.



Donald Trout was reportedly inside the white camper parked on the side of Shellsford Road when a black pickup driven by Cory Hobbs crashed into it.

Hobbs charged with DUI

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A man getting dressed in his parked camper was fortunate to avoid serious injury Wednesday when a pickup barreled off the road and crashed into his vehicle.

Cory Hobbs, 44, of Irving College was driving the out-of-control pickup. Hobbs was charged with second-offense DUI, reckless endangerment, and failure to exercise due care.

"I took Mr. Hobbs to the hospital," said state trooper Wade Myers, "and then I took him to jail. I'm sure his impairment contributed to him leaving the road."

The crash took place around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday on Shellsford Road

near its intersection with Arcadia Drive. According to the crash report, Hobbs was traveling north on Shellsford Road, toward Rock Island, when his black Dodge Dakota pickup veered off the left side of the roadway.

The pickup first plowed into a decorative concrete pillar at the end of a driveway before making contact with a white Ford pickup with a camper on its bed. Donald Trout, 65, of McMinnville was inside the camper getting dressed at the time. He is reportedly building a house on the property.

"The camper flipped over with him inside," said trooper Myers. "Mr. Trout could have been killed."

Myers said Trout refused medical treatment.

Teen rolls Suburban



On Thursday afternoon, 17-year-old Olivia Whitlock, driver of the black Suburban, lost control on a wet road and flipped on Nashville Highway near its intersection with C Rody Road. According to Sheriff's Department deputy Bryistol Davis, Whitlock was transported by EMS and her injuries are unknown.

Lacy Garrison photo

Record earns Stembridge three years

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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A repeat offender who ran from a deputy on his motorcycle was given three years in prison for his lengthy criminal history.

Sandy N. Stembridge, 52, received the sentence, to serve as a Range 2 offender because of his record, for evading arrest with a motor vehicle, driving on a suspended license fourth offense, and violation of the registration law.

His charges stem from an incident in April when sheriff's deputy Jared Jacobs observed him traveling 64 mph on West Green Hill Road, which is a 45 mph road.

Jacobs attempted to pull over the driver. Mr. Stembridge refused to stop and led him on a pursuit that ended when the motorcycle left the roadway and entered a wooded area behind a home.

A foot pursuit began. According to the arrest warrant, "Jacobs had to exit his patrol vehicle and engage in a foot pursuit with the motorcyclist in the wooded area. After chasing the subject for several hundred yards, he caught Stembridge and placed him under arrest."

A driver's license check revealed Stembridge has a suspended license. He has one prior offense in Rutherford County in 2014, and two prior offenses in Van Buren County in 2014.

Stembridge was given four months credit for time he served in jail from April until his sentencing last week.



STEMBRIDGE

WIN FAIR TICKETS!

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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What's better than carnival rides at the Warren County A&L Fair?

Free carnival rides! The Southern Standard is giving away free ride tickets courtesy of Kissel Entertainment. To win, all you have to do is answer a few simple fair-related questions.

Up for grabs are free sheets of ride tickets valid on the participating nights, Monday thru Saturday. Each winner receives a certificate for two free sheets of tickets, a \$44 value.

For those who need a little assistance, all

answers can be found in this year's Fair Book. A sampling of questions includes:

- When was the fair organized?
- Who was the first president of the Fair Board?
- Who was the 2017 Fairest of the Fair?
- What does the A&L stand for?

For an official entry form with all the questions, see page 5A. All correct entries will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win fabulous tickets.

Drop off answers at the Southern Standard office located at 105 College Street during regular business hours of Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please include your name and phone number.

Competition deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 5.



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Hana Parsley, Addi Pack and Maci Parsley enjoy the Silver Streak at last year's Warren County A&L Fair. If you'd like to win \$44 worth of free fair tickets this year, email us your favorite fair photo from last year or participate in our fair trivia contest on 5A.



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