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PRESS RELEASE ***Drug Seizure Leads to Arrest***

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On June 22, 2019 Parsons Police Officer Kyle Shields was on patrol when he identified a wanted suspect driving a white Dodge Journey. The suspect, Steven Elando Jones Jr., 26 of Parsons, was wanted by Labette County Sheriffs Department for Aggravated Failure to Appear.

The suspect quickly parked the vehicle after Officer Shields identified him. The suspect exited the vehicle and took off on foot after Officer Shields told him to stop. A short foot chase ensued, and Jones evaded Officer Shields through several yards in a residential area, in the 300 block of S 22nd.

Officers conducted a search of the vehicle that Jones was driving and found substantial amounts of Marijuana and Methamphetamines in the vehicle. The drugs were seized, and charges were filed against Jones for Possession of Controlled Substances, Possession of Certain Hallucinogens, Sales and Distribution of Controlled Substances, Sales and Distribution of Certain Hallucinogens, Possession of Paraphernalia, Driving while Suspended, and Interference with Law Enforcement.

On June 23, 2019 Jones was arrested by Labette County Sheriff Deputy John Hine in connection to this drug seizure and the active arrest warrant. Jones was transported to Labette County Jail and is being held.

Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks says, "this is another great arrest for Labette County and Parsons citizens. Thanks goes to the Labette County Sheriff's Department and to Deputy Hine for his Tenacious effort to bring this felon to justice. Getting dealers off the streets is huge win for everyone and will only improve our quality of life." Spinks continues, "dealing death in this community is a quick ticket to jail. We will find you and we will ensure you can see a judge and explain you actions to him and or a jury of the people you are putting in danger."

This continues to be an on-going investigation and citizens are encouraged to "See It, Hear It, Report It." If anyone has any further information on this incident or any other criminal activity, please contact the Parsons Police Department at 421-7060 or call the Tip Line at 421-7057 or email at tips@parsonspd.com.

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