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News Release

Arkansas City man arrested today in connection with assault

Petterson also arrested on suspicion of battery, criminal restraint and threat

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (April 3, 2017) — The Arkansas City Police Department arrested an Arkansas City man this morning on multiple counts of assault and battery after a knife attack was reported.

Timothy Lee Petterson, 38, was arrested on suspicion of two counts each of aggravated assault, battery-domestic violence, criminal restraint and criminal threat, as well as one count each of disorderly conduct and interference with law enforcement.

Petterson was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in lieu of \$31,500 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City. He remained in custody at the time of this release.

Police were dispatched about 1:22 a.m. today to a residence in the 600 block of South C Street for a report of a male attacking people with knife.

When they arrived, they confronted the man, who was holding a family member against the wall in an upstairs hallway.

Officers attempted to convince Petterson to release the 18-year-old male victim, but he refused to comply. A Taser was deployed on the suspect, allowed the victim to escape to safety.

Police later learned that prior to their arrival, Petterson allegedly had been involved in a physical and verbal altercation with two victims, the 18-year-old and a 44-year-old Arkansas City female.

Petterson was taken into custody, transported to South Central Kansas Medical Center for treatment of a self-inflicted stab wound in his leg and later transferred to the county jail, where he remains today.

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

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