



# PITTSBURG

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Pursuit and Drug Arrest

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#### PITTSBURG, KAN. –

On Wednesday morning, November 6, 2019, at approximately 1:20 AM, a law enforcement officer of the Pittsburg Police Department attempted to initiate a traffic stop on motorcycle for an observed moving violation in the 2800 block of N. Michigan St. The driver of the motorcycle, who was later identified as **29-year-old Jasan C. Mordica**, of Webb City, Missouri, failed to stop for the officer and began to flee from them, which initiated a brief vehicle pursuit heading northbound on Michigan St.

During the pursuit, Mr. Mordica attempted to turn off of Michigan St. onto E. 31<sup>st</sup> St., at which point he lost control of the motorcycle, which fell over. Mr. Mordica then began to flee from the officer on foot, but stopped when the officer gave him verbal commands to do so. Mr. Mordica then attempted to pull something from one of his pants pockets, causing the officer to deploy their Taser device, during which Mr. Mordica fell to the ground. The officer gave commands to Mr. Mordica to cease any further actions, to which Mr. Mordica complied. Additional units arrived on scene and assisted the first officer with taking Mr. Mordica into custody without any further incident.

Crawford County EMS was contacted and asked to respond to check Mr. Mordica, however there were no injuries reported, and Mr. Mordica was cleared by EMS at the scene.

A subsequent search of Mr. Mordica resulted in items of contraband, believed to be methamphetamine and related paraphernalia, being located on his person. Further investigation also showed the motorcycle that Mr. Mordica was driving had been reported stolen to the Pittsburg Police Department in December, 2018.

Mr. Mordica was arrested for felony fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement, felony interference with law enforcement, felony possession of methamphetamine, felony possession of stolen property, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, and misdemeanor operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, and he was

transported to the jail at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office for booking. Mr. Mordica is being held in lieu of a \$3,000.00 bond.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing at this time. Anyone having information related to this incident, or other crimes, is urged to contact the Pittsburg Police Department at (620) 231-1700, or at our automated tip line, (620) 231-TIPS (8477). Callers may remain anonymous.

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