



SOMERSET POLICE



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Somerset Man Wanted After Home Invasion

At 3:18 PM Thursday, Somerset police officers responded to a report of a vehicle theft on South Central Avenue.

When officers arrived, a female victim said a white male wearing jail clothing and handcuffs, approached her door and asked to come inside, saying he needed help. However, the man let himself inside and began closing doors and blinds.

The investigation revealed the man looked for tools to free himself of the handcuffs and for clothing to change into while inside. He kept her from using the telephone to call police and took her Isuzu Trooper SUV when he left. The victim was not injured.

At about the same time, a downtown business discovered jail-type clothing and shoes in their parking lot near the courthouse.

These incidents lead to phone calls to the Pulaski County Detention Center to determine if an escape had occurred. However, the jail report everyone was accounted for.

The next call was to the sheriff's department to determine if a prisoner had escaped from court.

It was then that officers learned that 42-year-old Gary Courtney, of Highway 192, Somerset had escaped from a court appearance.

The female victim identified a photo of Courtney as the man who invaded her home and took her vehicle.

Warrants are being obtained for Courtney charging him with burglary and theft.

Courtney was last seen driving the victim's 1989 Isuzu Trooper with Kentucky license no. 042-CPN, red in color.

The investigation into the escape is being conducted by the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department.