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Sheriff David Marshak wishes to announce the following:

On May 2, 2018 at approximately 0653 hours, Deputies with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 1100 block of Wolf Hollow Road in Imperial, Mo. for a residential fire. The caller was the homeowner, identified as:

Kylie Kunzie 45 years of age Imperial, Mo

Prior to the Deputies arrival, a second call was received at 0658 hours from Kylie Kunzie. Kunzie stated he was located at a nearby residence in the 6000 block of Hulda Drive and was holding two victims hostage, a male and a female.

As the initial Deputy arrived at the residence on Hulda Drive, the Deputy observed Kunzie through a screen window. Kunzie was observed holding a kitchen knife to a male victim. The Deputy began speaking to Kunzie and was able to negotiate the release of the female victim. Kunzie exited the residence onto the front porch still holding the knife to the male victim, in close proximity to the initial Deputy. The Deputy seized a brief opportunity and grasped the victim by his wrist and pulled him away from Kunzie. Kunzie retreated back into the residence. Negotiations with Kunzie continued, during which, Kunzie was seen by Deputies to be armed with a rifle. After several minutes, Kunzie exited the residence and surrendered to Deputies. Kunzie was taken into custody without incident.

The investigation has revealed Kylie Kunzie initiated the fire at his residence on Wolf Hollow Road, then traveled to the neighboring residence on Hulda Drive. Kunzie and the victims are familiar with one another, and initially allowed him access to the residence to use their telephone.

Charges were applied for and warrants were issued through the 23rd Judicial Circuit of Jefferson County for:

Arson 2nd
Armed Criminal Action (2 counts)
Kidnapping 1st (2 counts)

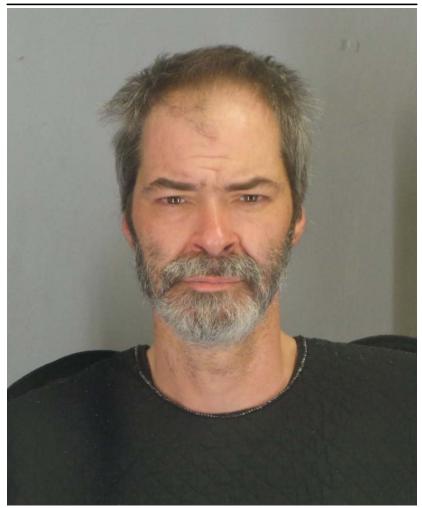
with an attached bond of:

\$100,000 cash only

Kunzie is currently being held at the Jefferson County Jail. Kylie Kunzie is considered a pretrial detainee.

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